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Cc: Cllr Ken Howard; Cllr Rob Leach; CllrTahir Aziz; Cllr Simon Ashall; Cllr Graham Chrystie
Subject: REGARDING PLAN/2020/0568

To the Planning Committee,

I am writing to request an extension for the consultation period of the Goldsworth Road development (PLAN 2020/0568), which I understand ends tomorrow (5 August). I live in Brambledene Close, about 20 yards off Goldsworth Road and just over 300 yards from this proposed development, and yet I was not informed of this development proposal, even though I and my neighbours will be affected. I found out about it only this weekend from friends in Vale Farm Road, and have therefore only had two days to consider any response – and to discover that my neighbours had no idea this is being planned either.

We are already plagued by parking overspill from the town centre (and although we successfully petitioned for additional parking restrictions in this years parking review, these have not yet been implemented due to the covid crisis). Local traffic is heavily influenced by vehicles cruising around looking for a space so the commuter occupants can walk into town. The build of over 900 new households but only about 250 parking spaces assumes a ludicrously optimistic level of car ownership and can only serve to blight our local roads further with cars parked even more inconsiderately as the pressure on the available parking increases.

And of course my front windows are just 20 yards facing the main access route for the construction traffic, for a build taking over 8 years! Noise, congestion, pollution ... A 40 storey building will easily overlook our gardens and into our windows, so privacy issues. And so on - there are so many more issues we want to think about, understand, and express to influence the shape of this plan, and with literally just a few hours awareness that this is even being considered! Why were we not informed when the consultation sessions were being held so we could learn about this fully and ask questions? Why were we not notified of the planning deadlines for comments?

We believe that an extension to the consultation period, and a fuller consultation with **all** the affected residents in the local area, would allow for a wider and fairer scope of the consultation.

I hope you can appreciate that this planning proposal will affect a much wider area than the more usual applications for loft conversions and conservatories that you must consider regularly, and that it is therefore important to include a much larger locality in the information and consultation for this huge proposed development. Please make allowance to fully include local residents in this process, and extend the consultation to allow us to access, understand and contribute to the decision.

Best regards,

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