



As a local resident I strongly object to this planning proposal.

The land in question is right at the heart of the village in a beauty spot where people now safely play with young children/walk/exercise dogs, etc. The properties would lead to a large increase in cars, which is simply unsafe in a recreation area.

The unadopted road/ footpath which would be used for vehicular access and, no doubt, additional parking for the properties is not wide enough nor fit for such a purpose: it would be dangerous for cars to be coming in and out of there. The road cannot be widened, as that would mean taking the common land adjacent to it.

Cars from the properties would, inevitably, try to use the road around the duck pond for access. This is totally unsuitable, far too narrow, and would result in an accident. It is a place for recreation - where at the moment many people are having picnics - not a thoroughfare for vehicles.

Another safety concern is that the local primary school use the common land adjacent to the proposed entrance road for sports and outdoor play. This would be extremely unsafe and no longer feasible for them to do if cars were coming in and out of the properties right at the side of them. This area cannot be railed off as it is common land.

It must be noted that this would only be phase 1 of development here. If six houses are proposed on this site then goodness knows how many are planned for the other plot at the side of this one. 46 houses are likely to be built in a green belt area a very short distance from this site - it is all too much for the village.

East Bierley is a beautiful village full of character. This has to be maintained. It would be wrong and very dangerous to build houses in its main recreation area.

The following quote is from the East Bierley Conservation Area Appraisal:

'There is a large amount of open space in and surrounding the East Bierley Conservation Area. This open space is an integral part of the character of the Conservation Area and should be preserved in order to maintain an important attribute of the village. The central part of the Conservation Area is soft landscaped open space, mainly The Green, Bierley Marsh and the recreation ground.'

Bierley Marsh is not being preserved if it becomes a busy road and a car park.