

Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies – Preferred Housing Sites

Response from Kingston on Soar Parish Council

Question 19: Do you support the proposed allocation for housing development of **Site GOT5a** – Land east of Gypsum Way / The Orchards?

NO

Comments

1. The map on Page 38 shows the only vehicular access to/from the site being via Leake Road, a single carriageway village road which is already very busy. A large development will put a severe strain on the main roads in the village: Leake Road, Nottingham Road and Kegworth Road, both during the construction phase and when the houses are occupied. It will also increase traffic problems on other roads in the area, including the route from Gotham to the M1, via Kingston on Soar.
2. The increased traffic in the village will raise road safety concerns, particularly for young families and children walking to Gotham Primary School along Kegworth Road. There are already traffic problems outside the school, early in the morning and in the afternoon.
3. Part of Kingston on Soar Parish is included in the catchment area for Gotham Primary School which is already full to capacity, so we note that any increase in housing in Gotham will necessitate an expansion in existing school provision.
4. Other improvements in local facilities and infrastructure are already overdue and any increase in housing will increase the need for the following to be addressed:
 - Safe parking area near the primary school; see point 2 above.
 - Improved flood prevention and drainage. There was a major flooding problem in June 2016 when the drains in the village proved to be inadequate. A major housing development, which covers large areas of the site in concrete, will increase local flooding problems.

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