

Dear Buffy,

I am not sure whether we are sending this to the right place but we thought we might write to add our comments to the NP. If this is not the correct place to send these concerns could you please either forward it or let me know who to send these concerns to.

Our main concern in going forward is the protection of green places. We have been shocked and upset by the amount of trees that are seemingly chopped down arbitrarily and the developers going ahead with this destruction because, when all is said and done, they can afford to 'make the mistake'. A similar picture is obvious with the hedgerows that are carelessly destroyed without any thought for the environment of which, of course, we are a part.

Examples of this can be seen where trees were supposedly cut down by mistake on the woods lane development plot. A man from the council had been to the site and marked with an 'X' the trees to be preserved. The developers however actually cut down these trees having miss-understood the instruction. The fine was insignificant to a developer who will make huge amounts of profit. A hedgerow was also destroyed without any credible reason in the development plot on Melton Street. About 20ft of hedgerow was taken down with a fence due to be erected in its place. This, it seems, is systematic of the approach of the developers and we have little or no faith in the local council to tackle this problem. It seems we are powerless to effect the continuous and ubiquitous building projects in Melton but perhaps we can do more to ensure reasonable landscaping and demand that at the very least the developers take a measure of responsibility.

The development on St Audrey's we are wholly opposed to. Not only is it planned to be built on a greenfield site but the traffic problems, pollution and lack of concern for local residents make this an untenable option.

Once again, I apologise if this has come to the wrong person and thank you for all the good work that you continue to do for our community. It is very much appreciated.

With kind regards
Richard and Sally Noble

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