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Proposed T12 Link Road and Sinfin Business Park

We are writing to you on behalf of a number of residents from West Chellaston regarding the outline planning proposals for the T12 relief road which will run close to our homes and many others that lie on the west side of the development. We understand, from emerging information, that the road will service the new business park,(with 24/7 demand), as well as providing a relief road for the A514 and a link to the Derby ring road (A5111).

We acknowledge that the business park development and road link to the Derby ring road will go ahead and that this will bring benefits to the wider community and City of Derby. We wish to be clear that we are not attempting to oppose this, however we have a number of significant concerns with the planned scheme which we believe will, in its current form, adversely impact on the health, safety and welfare of residents in the whole area.

This letter sets out our concerns and asks for a direct dialogue with you and others responsible for the planning and authorisation of this scheme.

Our concerns

Our principal concern is for the health and safety of those that live close to the proposed route. Part of Holmleigh Way is a standard single lane carriageway, there is no provision for pedestrian crossing or protective barriers for users of the foot/cycle path and the children's designated play area directly abutting it. The road currently has a speed limit of 40mph. It is our view that this road is totally unsuitable for higher volume, heavy axle load traffic, particularly at peak hours.

For those living alongside or close to the road, there is already some intermittent traffic noise from light car traffic, and from the A50. Continuous (24/7) exposure to noise, vibration, dust and air pollution add to the list of problems we foresee with having this busy road in such close proximity to residential housing.

Properties in the proximity of Holmleigh Way have been subject to structural repairs (some of which have required deep piling) caused by ground settlement. It is probable that ground vibration from heavy axle loads will over a period of time increase the severity of the problem with possible long term damage to other properties.

The principal issues we would wish to have debated in a public forum include:

Chellaston Relief/Link Road

Design and Construction:	Route options, Compare with local road construction projects(A6, A516-Etwall, Pride Park) Usage – weight limit, speed limit, ground vibration Traffic Survey - congestion – effect on Chellaston residents
Safety	Proximity to Children's play area, private housing Pedestrian crossings, Access to Canal path/cycle path Provision of Risk Assessments – Construction and operation
Environmental Impact	Air Pollution, Noise light and vibration – protection Ground Stability – long term effect Environmental Impact report, traffic surveys and noise mapping

The Business Park and West Chellaston Residential Conurbation

Final Size of the Industrial Development	
Construction period -	access by Construction traffic – effect on local traffic
Scope of use -	light commercial requiring 24hr 7 days / week access.
Traffic Density -	peak time demand.(single carriageway), congestion.
Future development-	land adjacent to Holmleigh Way
Access roads-	(currently only 2 only off the development) - including the relief road.
Services –	Impact of further expansion on Schools & local amenities

We wish to find out more about what reports are available(risk assessments, environmental impact reports, traffic surveys, noise and air pollution reports, etc) and further explore alternative options that could reduce or eliminate the environmental damage to the area. We would very much like to meet with you, and others involved in the planning of this proposal, and look forward to receiving your views on these issues.

On behalf of local residents –Queensgate Drive, Kingsdale Grove area