

## **OBJECTIONS RAISED TO DISPOSAL OF LAND AT ERNLE CLOSE CALNE**

### **Objector 1**

Bought property because of open space land which is a safe place for children to play.  
The congregation speed up and down the road with no thought for youngsters, elderly or disabled.  
Will increase amount of traffic to an unacceptable high volume of inconsiderate motorists.  
The whole area is not drained properly to accommodate the houses and the road gets flooded so will cause more problems as at present the water soaks into the ground but will be unable to do so if the area is tarmaced.  
The area belongs to Calne and is currently used by them and why must this change for a few.

### **Objector 2**

Ernle is a small cul-de-sac and children use this grassed area.  
To dispose of the land would be detrimental to the road.  
When the Hall is being used, traffic is already too heavy and too fast.  
When it rains the road is running with water and this could get worse.

### **Objector 3**

Repeated flooding of the road and a tarmacadamed car park surface would be detrimental in preference to an absorbent grass area.  
Extra inconsiderate traffic movement will cause even more disturbance.  
Allow residents to continue to enjoy the pleasure of a small remaining green.

### **Objector 4**

Area used extensively by local residents particularly children.  
Conversion to car park increases the threat to child safety from cars especially to non-residents.  
Expanded car park is likely to attract more traffic.  
Would reduce the residential status of the Close and would significantly impact house prices.  
Drainage is a problem and by removing grassed area will exacerbate this issue.  
The Hall members are verging on being a nuisance to residents and have endured unwelcome weekend interruptions from one or more members of the Hall. Increased numbers at the Hall is likely to mean increased unwelcome attention from them. Should not be exposed to this form of harassment.  
If objections are ignored, will resort to legal representation as Council have a duty of care to the residents.

### **Objector 5**

Ernle Close is a cul-de-sac consisting of 15 properties and providing route for pedestrians to Warren Close.  
The Hall has an access via Oxford Road which is only pedestrian and vehicular access is via Ernle Close which becomes a dangerous place as vehicles arrive often at speed and when parked up stand outside in groups adding to the local noise level. Selling the land would exacerbate this problem.  
Area used by children almost every day of the week.  
Its change of use to a car park will only be for 3 days per week unless there are plans to increase the usage of the Hall and on a noise factor we would object.

Problem with drainage in the road and removing grassed area would lead to yet more water trying to be absorbed by the already overwhelmed drainage system and could result in flooding to properties.  
Been aware that previous attempts to buy land from residents were rejected. Is there a change of policy and if so can we be given the option to buy?  
Do not go ahead with sale and keep it in public ownership as a vital green for all the local community.

#### **Objector 6**

Is the land to be fenced in otherwise all and sundry parking there!  
Will the telegraph pole stay or be moved?  
Will the proceeds of the sale be spent on sorting out the on-going problem of flooding of the pedestrian footpath?  
Will it also mean more cars/vans arriving at the Hall?

#### **Objector 7**

Major concern is amount of traffic into the road will increase and so be of a detrimental affect to the area.  
Young children play on the land.  
Cars not driven with due care and attention.

#### **Objector 8**

Main concern is safety of children who regularly play on the grassed area.  
Children ride their bicycles in the knowledge that this area is pedestrian friendly and reasonably car free except when the Hall is used the speed at which some of the traffic approaches the cul-de-sac leaves a lot to be desired.  
When in our rear garden the noise has become more apparent recently and would only get worse.  
The walkthrough from Ernle Road to Warren Close often gets flooded and tarmac would only make matters worse.

#### **Objections from Children aged 10 and 8**

I play football on the grass and there would be nowhere to play if turned into a car park.  
It would be most unsafe because I also like to ride my bike and it would be very easy for me to be hit off.  
My reasons are good enough for me so they should be good enough for you.  
I play tag and football on the grass.  
It would not be safe to ride my bicycle.  
It would be so helpful if you could not turn the grass into a car park.