

## **An Objection to the New Eco Town**

Just how alarmed you should all be at this proposed new eco town, Burton mail Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2007 p9 and Dec 6<sup>th</sup> p5 on what is highly productive land. I call on everyone within a five-mile radius to lodge strong objections. This includes people in all the villages all the way around this absolutely ridiculous suggestion. Rosliston, Cauldwell, Linton, Castle Gresley, Newhall, Stanton, Stapenhill, Walton-on-Trent and even residents of Burton and Swadlincote, it will affect you all. How can these modern Buzzwords Eco and Carbon neutral, be used to try to sway everyone into thinking this is something to help the ecological world. By 2012 all new houses and premises to be built nationally must be ecologically sound and carbon neutral by law anyway. To me Eco and Ecology along with ecological mean to preserve the land and our planet all living creatures in its own home, this includes everything down to the tiniest plants, earthworms, bugs and things invisible to the naked eye.

I will ask you all to look over this land now; Thousands of you can look from your windows a lot of you can see it from your living rooms and some may have to look from your bedroom windows. Unfortunately, a lot of you are in close proximity, touching distance even, but cannot see it. But if it gets the go ahead it will affect you, make no mistake. Anyway, what you can see now looking over this land? Well you can see fields, hedgerows, and trees, and in these fields hedgerows and trees, things live, animals, birds, insects, earthworms, it's their home. There is also at least three brooks, streams with all their thriving life it's the home of various small types of fish in these brooks. These open fields grow crops year after year and go a fair way to producing a lot of locally produced food. If this scheme gets to go-ahead all this goes. The ecology of these hundreds and hundreds of acres will be ruined forever as you know it now (a hectare is about 2½ acres, which makes this proposal to about 1,000 acres). No pleasant fields to gaze over, houses for as far as the eye can see. This will put a lot of you well into the centre of a large conurbation; do you want that? If you do, you should not start into objection. If you don't want to lose this very nice piece of real English countryside, now is the time to voice your opinions and don't stop until the senseless idea gets forgotten. It will make the size of the combined towns of Burton and Swadlincote nearer to the size of a place the area approaching Birmingham.

Having the county boundaries of Staffordshire and Derbyshire running through this massive township will create lots of problems. It will probably overwhelm some of the services of Burton with no contribution to their council tax and vice versa. From these thousands of houses people in their vehicles will be running hither and thither blocking up the already overcrowded roads. There will be more pollution from vehicle exhausts and light pollution where there is already now too much anyway. The local English wildlife will suffer terribly and those nice fields will no longer produce food for our population. I've noticed that they are not making agricultural land anymore.

I would like to suggest to these developers and planners, the planning committees, the MPs, all who make the decisions to ruin our countryside in the name of progress, to get on to a train and look out of the windows when travelling. See all the acres and acres of wasteland not producing anything, just ravaged land left then in idleness. Although it would spoil some ecology on this type of land, at least it would not be

preventing food production. Put your eco or any other type of town here. Please, please let good old common sense prevail and commit this piece of thoughts and planning into that round filing cabinet the waste bin.

So I implore you all to join with the action group the NFC (National Forest Company) and all good sensible citizens to oppose this piece of country busting idea. Stand up for things that cannot stand up for themselves, the wildlife and the thin on the ground country dwellers. All of the national population not knowing of this proposition but love our English Countryside. When it's gone, it's gone, forever.

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