



The Shirley Residents' Association



Please reply to:-
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Dear Mrs Travers

Re The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (Shirley Town Centre Redevelopment) Compulsory Purchase Order 2007 and related orders under Sections 247 and 257 of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990.

We write to endorse the contents of a letter despatched to you by a group of residents called *Keep Shirley Alive*. KSA and this Association have debated – both in formal meetings and publicly – for a considerable length of time the likely issues posed by the proposal for a substantial retail and residential development on land bordering Shirley's main thoroughfare.

The Association has made formal representation to both Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and the Government Office of the West Midlands about the proposal.

Our concerns have been accurately articulated in the KSA letter and centre on :

- the exaggerated scale of the development – notably the proposed size of the superstore
- the effect on the already heavily congested and polluted A34 (one of the main arterial highways into and out of Birmingham)
- the unjustifiable loss of bordering public parkland

As regards the Public Footpath Stopping Up Order, there are further points of issue to raise related to pedestrian safety at the junction of the service road and Haslucks Green Road and the detrimental nature of the proposed alteration to the adjacent footpath.

KSA will elaborate on these matters at the public inquiry on 8th May and in doing so have been given unqualified approval to represent the views of Shirley Residents' Association. We ask that these views are given due consideration.

Yours sincerely

R M Beaumont
Secretary

