

17th May 2018

Planning application PL/2018/01057/PPRM - Blythe Valley Park Blythe Gate Shirley Solihull
Email sent to Mr. Matthew Preece, Planning Officer SMBC

Dear Matt,

After further discussion the Parish Council would like to request that the following is added to what has already been submitted in relation to the Bloor Homes application for development at Blythe Valley;

The inevitable need for vehicles to be moved in order to release other vehicles 'trapped' behind them, as a result of the proposed tandem parking arrangements has the potential for significantly increased exhaust emissions. Short term starting and stopping of vehicle engines produces somewhat more emissions than the short running time suggests. This is due to the fact that the engines do not reach their working temperature and therefore operating very inefficiently. In addition, such short-term running is known to increase engine wear, not least because lubrication of the working part is much less effective with a cold engine.

The sort of car shunting needed to release some of the vehicles is potentially close to environmental vandalism. Starting and stopping a car engine within a two or three-minute timescale is probably the most polluting way to operate a vehicle in terms of emission levels.

The Parish Council would like to reiterate that tandem parking is far from ideal.

Please can you confirm that you are able to do this and whether this email is sufficient or if you need me to send this through to you on CGPC headed paper?

Thank you.

Regards

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