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Dear Planning Officer,

Please see below a written objection to planning application 22/00286/OUT. These plans are very similar to the ones previously rejected by the Rochford District Council and the Planning Inspectorate and do not mitigate the serious risks to PADAS' fishery which has a finely balanced eco-system.

I trust that the below will be considered as part of your planning considerations.

Name - Alastair Graham

Address - Flat 3, 76 Fairleigh Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 2JA

Application Reference: 22/00286/OUT

Planning Portal Reference Number: PP-11084983

Address of Proposal: Land Adjacent The Ramblers, Eastwood Rise, Eastwood, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

I am a member of the Prittlewell and District Angling Society that borders this property in Eastwood Rise. I strongly object to this application for many reasons. The development is uphill and South of our Eastwood Rise lake. I am extremely concerned of potential dangers that the development will cause; through Air Pollution e.g., dust, smoke and fumes being absorbed into our water supply and the otherwise general contamination of our water supply and ground water due to demolition, building waste etc. Any run-off caused by the building work or subsequent residential use thereafter (e.g., cesspit leak, weed killing, oil, associated vehicle discharge) will flow into our lake, or permeate into the water table which also feeds into our lake endangering all wildlife. There will be serious problems arising from any water pollution that will damage the fish population and other aquatic wildlife. Our fishery is dependent on the quality of the water and any slight change will lead to associated issues including Algae blooms, pH fluctuations etc. Contamination of the water supply and additional pollution does not only kill fish but also invertebrates and plant life. The cost of replacing our stock would run into tens of thousands of pounds and it would take years to correct the water quality and restore the ecological balance.

It is noted that no specific attention has been paid to the fact that all to the existing Groundwater sources including the ditch flows into our Lake. As a Member of the Angling Society, I disagree with elements of the Survey. There is also Badger activity within the area so that needs to be taken into account and it is notably inaccurate to say that the proposal would not impact protected/priority species and habitats.

Our Eastwood Lake has a large population of genetically true Crucian Carp *Carassius carassius* and the European Eel (*Anguilla anguilla*). The Crucian and European Eel are both on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red list of Threatened Species. The Crucian Carp and European Eel are both recognised as being in dangerous decline by the Environment Agency. So, there are two red listed species that could be completely wiped out on our site within 20 metres of the proposed development through pollution. In total our site has three IUCN Red Listed Species being the European Eel (*Anguilla Anguilla*), the Crucian Carp (*Carassius carassius*) and the European Badger (*Meles meles*). We also have four UK BAP priority herptile species being the Common Lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*), the Grass Snake (*Natrix natrix*), Common Toad (*Bufo bufo*) and the Slow Worms (*Anguis fragilis*). We also know that

Slow Worms are present on the pony club site which is the subject of this application. Current planning rules require a biodiversity gain, there is no gain here just significant potential damage. Lighting and noise would also be issues for the wildlife on our site and for myself as a member of Prittlewell & District Angling Society who own the adjacent land.

I would urge you to reconsider and reject the application which does not meet the criteria suggested in the documents posted on the planning portal.

Kind regards,

Alastair  
