

Places for Everyone Representation 2021

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Title	JPA 31: Godley Green Garden Village
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Soundness - Positively prepared?	Unsound
Soundness - Justified?	Unsound
Soundness - Consistent with national policy?	Unsound
Soundness - Effective?	Unsound
Compliance - Legally compliant?	No
Compliance - In accordance with the Duty to Cooperate?	No
Redacted reasons - Please give us details of why you consider the consultation point not to be legally compliant, is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.	<p>GMCA should have worked collaboratively with neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies on strategic and cross boundary matters, known as the duty to cooperate:</p> <p>With more people living in the area there will be an adverse effect on schools, doctors surgeries and other health service providers being able to cater for larger communities. There has been no strategy put in place for these between authorities. With more houses there will also be a huge rise in traffic with no plans in place to cater for more cars on the roads. All surrounding areas/ authorities will be affected by this yet no plans have been provided to manage traffic levels or offset carbon emissions (something greenbelt does wonderfully and naturally).</p> <p>There is a statutory on local planning authorities to include policies in their Local Plan designed to tackle climate change and its impacts. The plans for Godley Green Village certainly do not do this! By destroying habitat and the Eco-system there will be nothing but detriment to the environment and subsequently the climate. New housing will encourage more traffic and pollution and create a lack of vital green space that helps to create cleaner air and a natural green buffer between built up areas.</p> <p>It will mean loss of biodiversity which is interconnected with the climate (Crested Newts are known to live in the area and bats hunt insects here too). Conserving natural terrestrial ecosystems and restoring degraded ecosystems (including their genetic and species diversity) is essential for the overall goals of both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change because ecosystems play a key role in the global carbon cycle and in adapting to climate change, while also providing a wide range of ecosystem services that are essential for human well-being and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.</p>

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Furthermore, without examples of untouched nature such as Godley Green we can't teach future generations to value the green spaces we have and in turn the positive effect they have on the climate.

On your website for GMCA it states "we'll make the most of what our unique area already has going for it: like ... the outstanding surrounding countryside". I don't see how building on what countryside we have and against local residents wishes improves an area or makes the most of it. Greenbelt is sacrosanct!