7 April 2011

Dear Ms Darke

Planning Application S/73/2010/1699
Cycle Track, Coundon Wedge Road

Thank you for explaining the issues surrounding this planning application and arranging for us to be sent a disc of the plans.

ACWCS would normally give full backing to initiatives promoting greener forms of transport, but on this occasion we would oppose vigorously any plans requiring the removal of mature trees planted twenty five years ago as part of the screening along Coundon Wedge Drive. We therefore agree that allowing the occupation of units on the former Jaguar site before the cycle track has been installed is a good interim solution that will give everyone concerned the breathing space to develop alternative solutions.

It is important to remember why these trees were planted. In the 1980s, the Council’s plans for a new road through the heart of one of Coventry’s premier beauty spots provoked a highly vocal campaign, a hard fought public enquiry and ultimately judicial review. Part of that process was the Council’s undertaking to soften the impact by the compulsory purchase of strips of land either side of the route to allow the planting of a tree screen.

When planning application R/2009/0669 was approved in June 2009, although it included provision for a cycle track, it was not until the practical issues were looked into that it emerged that up to seventy trees forming part of that screen might be removed. Unfortunately, due to the way in which planning procedures operate, public consultation has been limited to the principle of a cycle track, without reference to its consequences. Within the local community, this is a greatly emotive issue. We have a number of suggestions
and would welcome the opportunity of being involved in finding a more acceptable solution. We also believe the outcome should be subjected to public consultation.

We would also like to register a request to address the Planning Committee when this application is considered.

Willis
Allesley and Coundon Wedge Conservation Society

cc: Mary-Ann Jones (Planning)
    Bablake and Sherbourne Ward Councillors
    M.Downing, M.Faldon (ACWCS)
Thank you for contacting the Planning Team at Coventry City Council.

Your email has been forwarded to Mary-Ann Jones

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From: Land and Property Gazetteer
Sent: 14 April 2011 12:13
To: Planning
Subject: Comment Received from Public Access

Application Reference No. : S73/2010/1699
Site Address: Jaguar Cars Browns Lane Coventry CV5 9DR
Comments by: PAUL LIGGINS
From:

8 BUTT LANE
COVENTRY
WARKS
CV5 9EU

Phone:

Submission: Objection
Comments: Dear Sirs,
I wish to raise the strongest possible objection to this proposal.
The proposal to cut down 70 + mature trees to build a 'green' cycle path is bureaucracy gone mad.
These trees were planted after massive objection to the wedge road being built ,and were designed to offer some natural screening to the roadway and preserve as far as possible the rural environment of Coundon wedge.
There is sufficient room for a cycle track on the existing verge by incorporating the track into a wider footpath, or as has been successfully used on the Holyhead Road marking up a section of the existing road with a cycle lane.
Please bring some common sense back into local government and planning issues and reject this application.
If it is possible I should like to make my objection to this proposal in person and speak at the planning hearing.
Paul W. Liggins
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From: Land and Property Gazetteer
Sent: 18 April 2011 12:54
To: Planning
Subject: Comment Received from Public Access

Application Reference No. : S73/2010/1699
Site Address: Jaguar Cars Browns Lane Coventry CV5 9DR
Comments by: Cllr Gary Ridley
From:
Council House
Earl Street

Coventry
West Midlands
CV1 5RR
Phone:
Email: gary.ridley@coventry.gov.uk
Submission: Support
Comments: In reviewing this application it is clear that it is sensible to amend this condition so as to allow more time to resolve the issue of where and how to construct a cycle lane on Coundon Wedge without inflicting significant damage to local ecology. I support the application to vary this condition but in doing so would urge planners to work together with the developer to come up with a more sustainable solution to the Cycle lane issue.