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Dear Mr Cardnell

Re: Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan (Lodmoor)

I object to this Industrial development on mainly environmental grounds. I live behind the proposed area so am very aware of the amount of water which lies on the ground for days after a heavy downpour. During these times I am unable to use my back gate due to the water at the bottom of my garden. Building on the proposed site would no doubt turn this inconvenience into a real problem for many people as has been seen in other parts of the country. (Will we never learn?) The proposed area acts as a useful sponge for surplus rainfall which is predicted to increase in years ahead. Should the development go ahead the consequential flooding will prove extremely expensive for the council.

At a time when a great deal of effort and money is being put into rewilding is it not stupidity to pave over and develop this readymade wild area with the impact that would have on the wildlife and diversity already present? Weymouth is justifiably proud of the beautiful and well used Lodmoor Park and the adjoining RSPB sanctuary. Bringing industry to this area seems little short of vandalism.

Is there actually a need for further industrial units? When visiting other industrial sites such as The Granby estate and Jubilee Sidings the accommodation does not appear to be fully occupied.

No doubt others will have pointed out the impact this development would have on the residents in Weymouth Bay Avenue and the rest of this estate especially the increase of traffic in the area. Pedestrians crossing the road at the top of Weymouth Bay Avenue will find this even more dangerous than it is now.

At a time when we are being encouraged to limit the use of our cars it seems counterintuitive to develop a site in a position which would make driving to work a necessity. Weymouth Bay Avenue is not a wide road and is already challenging to negotiate due to residential parking on both sides. If industrial units are actually necessary surely a more appropriate, less environmentally sensitive, site could be found, preferably one which is not accessed through what is a currently quiet residential area.

Yours

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