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The Gateacre Society

Guarding the Past - Safeguarding the Future

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**200 HOUSES
PROPOSED
FOR THE
GATEACRE
COMP SITE**

This map shows the proposed layout of the Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd development on the former site of Gateacre Comprehensive School. **Local residents are being asked to submit comments on the Planning Application - ref. 15F/0516 - by 16th APRIL 2015.**

The public consultation last November indicated 202 houses. The company say that the suggestions made by local people have been "accommodated in the revised layout where possible". However, we cannot detect ANY significant changes!

We suggest the following:

FEWER HOUSES

- No more than 150 should be built. If the site were to be developed at the same density as the area to the west, then there would only be 100.
- Grange Lane is too narrow for the number of houses proposed there.
- Local schools and GP practices will be over-strained.

MORE GREEN SPACES

- A 1 hectare open space should be provided, halfway along the eastern (Grange Lane) boundary - space for children to play and older residents to socialise.
- This open space would be in accordance with longstanding Liverpool City Council planning policy, the site being in a Park Deficiency Area.
- Green spaces should be left opposite the two Listed Buildings on Grange Lane.

EASIER WALKING ROUTES

- Additional pedestrian access points should be provided on Grange Lane, to encourage residents of the new houses to walk rather than drive to the shops and local amenities.
- We are constantly being told that regular exercise is the best way to stay healthy!

SAFER TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

- Mini-roundabouts should be installed on Gateacre Park Drive, to slow traffic down and make turning easier
- The Grange Lane access point should be 'pedestrians and cyclists only' to eliminate rat-running through the new estate.

**Whether or not you agree with us ...
PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS**

to the City Council using the online form at bit.ly/LCC15F0516

or by email to

planningandbuildingcontrol@liverpool.gov.uk

or by post to

**Jon Woodward, Development Control Division,
Liverpool City Council, Municipal Buildings,
Dale Street, Liverpool L2 2DH**

Note that the deadline for comments is 16th April, NOT 7th April as given in the letters sent out by the Council.



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