

CCC OBJECTS TO RETAIL AND LEISURE PARK, TOLLGATE WEST

150239 Outline application for mixed used development of leisure uses (use class D2) including cinema and retail (use classes A1,A2,A3,A4 and A5) with associated parking including multi-storey car park, public realm improvements, access, highways, landscaping

We object to this proposal on the grounds of traffic generation and the increased car dependence that it will encourage.

Busier main roads lead to busier local roads which — until we have Continental quality cycling provision — will have an adverse effect on cycling, and therefore personal and public health and the town's liveability.

We are also concerned about the effect of increased traffic on air pollution (from both diesel and petrol vehicles) which helped to lead to the premature deaths of 343 people in Essex between Jan 1 and Jun 27 2015 (Source: Birkett Index, <http://cleanair.london>).

In addition, councillors should consider the overall effect on global warming, especially bearing in mind the recent decision by a Netherlands court, based on human rights legislation, (<http://bit.ly/1HjDpFj>) that the State must take increased action against global warming than it is doing at present; this case could set a global precedent and we believe its implication should be considered by CBC when considering all schemes that involve the creation of more than ten car parking spaces.

We share the fears of Colchester town centre traders that this scheme will have an adverse effect on the viability of the town centre; Stanway already has a considerable number of retail outlets, and Colchester town centre should retain its dominant position in the local area. At the same time, we urge CBC to support the main town centre businesses (Fenwick, M&S) by agreeing to the reintroduction of traffic bans in Colchester High Street.

Finally, If councillors are minded to approve this scheme, we would urge councillors to bear in mind the Colchester Cycling Strategy Plan produced by Paul Wilkinson and Jane Thompson of CBC to help channel any funding from the CIL/s106 agreements.