

Firstly, photos of the estate show just about the most drab and down-at-heal section of the estate - in Rutter Gardens. There are no photos showing the trees and lovely open green area in front of the community centre, the raised flower beds at the end of Ravensbury Grove (near the garages) or the other open/green spaces around Henglo Gardens and Ravensbury Court. If the more typical/prettier parts of the estate were shown it would highlight the fact that regeneration isn't really needed at all and that the current residents are at risk of losing some beautiful spaces if the current plans go ahead.

Secondly, the photos in the "The Vision" section, suggesting what the Ravensbury estate could look like (page 34), show mainly low-level buildings surrounded by plenty of green space. The actual plans however indicate that the pretty, low-level buildings currently in place (eg around the community centre) are to be bulldozed & replaced by high-rise blocks. No-one who lives on the estate wants high-rise blocks. We do not want to lose the current amount of open space or the low-level buildings which encourage a sense of community. The only valid purpose of these high-rise, wind-tunnel, community destroying blocks is to cram more people onto the estate...something that no-one living on the estate wants.

Thirdly, I understand that parking will be reduced in the current plans, though this is not made clear in the stage 3 Local estates plan at all. Parking is already quite difficult around the estate. Reducing parking spaces and increasing residents will make the situation very stressful, and could, I imagine will lead to residents parking permits etc, something else that no-one wants.

It's a shame that Merton Council and Circle Housing are so focused on meeting government housing quotas that the continued pleas of actual residents seem to be ignored, and something really rather lovely is likely to be destroyed. I'm writing this email in the vain hope that someone has enough integrity to look again at the plans and reign in the bull-dozers.

Thanks & kind regards,

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