

Lane. Whilst the junction was being remodelled traffic used Park Hill Lane as an alternative route. The remodelled junction has been the subject of numerous complaints and we have noticed that many drivers, including heavy-goods vehicles use Park Hill Drive as an alternative to joining the A45 at Broad Lane. Things have never gone back to anything like they were before the remodelling. That is something many residents predicted before the work commenced but their views were ignored.

We mentioned earlier that statements in reports need to be tested. We respectfully suggest that the inspector chooses any weekday in term-time between the hours of 7.45 and 9.30 am. and 3.30 and 6.30 pm. and to drive from the proposed development sites into the City in the morning and out of the City in the evening. It is just about unbearable now. It will become a disaster with the thousands of extra traffic journeys generated by the proposals, and will also add greatly to pollution. One or two practical tests by the inspector will be worth any number of biased reports. The question then will be just how much will the sum of human happiness be advanced for those currently living in the area let alone those who might be moving in.

As to the matter of predicted population growth, recent circumstances bring those figures into question. It has been reported that figures for those moving into the city reduced dramatically in the months before the EU referendum and it is widely assumed that immigration will reduce post-Brexit. Most of the population increase for Coventry comes as a result of immigration or student numbers. For example, the population of Coventry increased by 46,000 between 2005 and 2015 and it cannot be coincidence that, during that period the number of those living in the City born outside the UK increased by 46,000. We are told that the student population, rather than continuing to increase is now levelling off. No figures in the proposal are able to take these facts into account.

With respect, at the end of the day when this development is completed, the inspector will have moved on to other things, the developers will pocket their profit or write off their losses and leave and Council members will have retired, been voted out or died. But the results of their efforts will have to be lived with by the citizens for generations to come. If the Council and the developers have their way the Green Belt will, in essence have disappeared forever.

We refer to the conclusions of Mr Payne, the previous Inspector, about development on this Green Belt land. They are summarised in the Allesley Green Residents Association objection. We ask the Inspector to consider carefully those conclusions and trust she will refer to the report in full as part of her considerations.

Our thoughts are that the current proposals are a slightly vindictive response to the then inspector turning down what was then, and is now, little more than an ill-considered vanity project on the part of certain Council members. The City of Coventry will never become what the Council refer to as a "Top Ten City" by reason only of the fact of the size of its' population. The soul of a city is much more than the number of inhabitants. It is about the quality of their lives.

Would not the Council be more productively engaged by first concentrating on improving the city and the lives of its people and their families, even, in some cases making the lives of some citizens bearable, by concentrating on those who now live here, rather than those who might, or probably, might not, be coming?