

During posting leaflets on this planning application I became engaged with many residents affected by this proposal. It was evident that many were deeply affected by the prospect of such a development in their neighbourhood. Some would have difficulty in articulating their representations either orally or in writing owing to the complicated nature of the examination process and the time between notification and the planned events, twenty days. This process effectively denies them the basic right to express their feelings leading to a biased outcome of the examination. Their lives would be unnecessarily and adversely affected if this application were to be granted.

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I wish to express my concern regarding what checks are undertaken to ensure the validity and integrity of reports from experts. In any examination there should be transparent procedures of checks and balances to minimise the risk of biased reporting. I do not see procedures for this essential activity, who is responsible and what qualifications are necessary for this role.