

Chester green flood defence plans

Key concerns

Chester green residents are being asked by the council to give feed back on the latest flood defence plans. The residents association has reviewed the planning application and believe that while it is an important step towards protecting us from the effects of future floods we have a number of concerns that need to be commented on. These include:

- The flood defences that will be built on the former factory sites on city road are a key element of the scheme if it is to be effective. There are no plans at all or timescales in the application for what will happen there. Without these the plans are meaningless and not fit for purpose. We need to know what is planned and when.
- There would be pressure for a high rise, high density development which will include integrated flood defences being built on the former factory sites. This would be inappropriate and unacceptable to many local residents.
- The plans involve significant removal of trees (along city road for example) without replacement. This will alter the character of the area. Appropriate replacement trees should be planted wherever possible
- Chester green has a very significant history and heritage. The plans fail to recognise the presence and importance of listed buildings in chester green and their impact on them and their settings.
- The only access to the new car parking arrangements off old chester road for playing fields visitors is via the pedestrian and cycle routes near to the community centre. This will create an increased risk to park users and will also provide a circuit for boy racers

- The removal of the garages and parking area off city road is planned for the parking and storage of vehicles and equipment while the work is being undertaken. This will cause major disruption for residents who depend on it to park their vehicles and in the longer term it raises questions about what will happen to this area
- We need to ensure that the work minimises disruption by not carrying out work during unsocial hours and by using techniques and materials that are less noisy.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to ensure that any flood defences are effective and are appropriate for our community. **Unless a significant number of residents comment it is unlikely that these issues will be addressed.**

If you have any other concerns or would like to clarify any of the above please contact andrew tel 298079

Please send your concerns online at:
www.derby.gov.uk/eplanning

Or by post to: sara john,
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