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Mayor To Save Sefton Park Meadows Trees?

The Save Sefton Park Meadows Campaign Group welcome Mayor Joe Anderson and South Liverpool Labour Councillors opposition to Redrow's Sefton Park Meadows planning application, specifically the removal of 27 trees.

The campaign has always highlighted the impact any development would have on the 110 mature and semi-mature trees around the site.

The potential loss of a quarter of these trees under the current Redrow planning application would be a tragedy.

The Mayor has asked Redrow "to amend the scheme to make sure there is no tree loss if at all possible."

Firstly, any development would involve tree loss however Redrow amend their planning application.

The site is completely surrounded by mature trees in a specific design that reflects the setting of Sefton Park.

Secondly the Save Sefton Park Meadows Campaign Group are totally opposed to any housing development on the site regardless of its density or appearance.

We have been working with a professional planning consultant on a very full and detailed series of objections, including the loss of trees and we will continue to do so.

We appreciate the Councils financial difficulties but selling designated heritage public green open space to the highest bidder does not and never will resolve these difficulties.

Housing and economic needs are not grounds to override all of the existing council and national planning policies which are in place to protect local green spaces and designated heritage assets such as Sefton Park Meadows.

For these reasons we continue to say No To Redrow and Meadow Not Redrow.

We are asking for advice from the Council Planning Department on how and when the Redrow planning application will proceed.

We are concerned this might be a cynical response to the upcoming local and national May elections.

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