

Re PA10 on the map for Local Plan Part 2 and Planning PoliciesMarch 17 2016

We are a Community of Religious Sisters living a contemplative life in a Monastery adjacent to your proposal to build family housing and open space.

There are eight of us in this community and the Poor Clare Sisters have been a presence here in Bulwell since the 1920's. We would like to inform you about our life – the contemplative life is an enclosed life devoted to silence and prayer for those in the outside world. We have one sister who shops for us and fulfils any of our requirements. She is active in the local community.

We know there is a great need for housing and understand the local plan.

4139 We would like to express a concern about our boundary wall which is owned by ourselves. It is built at that particular height in order for our enclosed life to maintain the privacy, the rule of our religious order demands. There should be no alterations made to it. We also hope consideration should be given to the height and positioning of any new residences. We hope they are no more than two storey properties in height – ideally single and with no vision towards the Convent property.

4254 We are also worried about the parking on Brooklyn Road which is currently a safety hazard especially as there are two schools nearby and a great danger when the football clubs meet on the opposite Henry Mellish playing field. We hope there will be off-road parking

4255 We trust that any open space planning will not be a noise hazard to the local environment.

Our letter dated June 12th explained our Community's position concerning this area.

Our building is occupied by a community of contemplative nuns and as such we very much value the tranquility of our enclosure. We would be very grateful for your confirmation that a planning permission would not be granted for a use which would endanger this or mean that we are overlooked more than is already the case.

October 15th I would like to add an observation.

The pavement outside the School on the corner of Brooklyn Road is often crowded with young mothers and children under school age waiting to collect their older brothers and sisters when school closes. Would it not be a good idea if this area was used for their benefit by putting benches and a landscaped area for the children where they would be safe.