

Speaking on behalf of Martin Gray from Cheadle Angling Club

As the treasurer / secretary and general person in control of Cheadle Angling Club I have several concerns regarding the proposed development on the ground next to the lake, however, I will try to keep it to a minimum.

Firstly, the risk to the tranquillity of the lake and its surroundings.

Most of the users of the lake, not just anglers, do so for the peace and openness of being around the site, coupled with its easy access, this will, I'm sure, be disturbed, both during the construction of the homes and also once the site is occupied by any residents.

Secondly, what will be done to preserve the varied wildlife that visits the site?

Both the lake and the small adjacent pool are home to various species of wildlife. There have been recorded several species of bats that use the area and can often be seen hunting around the pool and the fields that surround it. Every year the lake is visited by both resident and migratory birds,

especially geese, that graze the surrounding grassland and on occasion a pair of peregrine falcons. There are also resident species that include, but are not limited to, kingfisher, sparrow hawk, barn owl, grass snake, newts (both smooth and great crested), bull heads, water voles and multiple species of insects and course fish.

The lake is also known for its exceptional water quality, attributed by several natural springs, this can be evidenced by the huge population of what can only be described as extremely large fresh water mussels.

What assurances will be given that the proposed development will prevent any run off or spillage into the pool?

Overall, I, and members of the angling club feel that any development next to the pool will be detrimental to the ambience of the pool and its surroundings.

Most people visit the site to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and to 'just escape' from the town, its buildings and ever increasing housing. This will not be possible if the

development goes ahead as the 'feel' of the place
will be lost,

Martin Gray.

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