

Application No. 18/00230/REM

HM Young Offenders Institute Glen Parva, Tigers Road, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 4TN

Objector's Representations - Mr M Chenery

Good evening, my name is Mark Chenery, and I have lived on the old crown estate, on and off for the last 25 years. I would like to thank the committee for this opportunity to speak in regards to the Prison Development on behalf of myself, and my neighbours (some of whom unfortunately couldn't make it this evening).

Firstly I would like to say that none of the neighbours I have spoken to, has objections to the prison being re-built in its current location, and we have conducted ourselves calmly and politely at the numerous meetings we have attended, when speaking with the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) representatives, and I'm sure Nick Hardy would happily back us up.

As a resident who lives right at the end of Crete Avenue, my property is immediately bordered by Ministry of Justice (Crown) land. I would like to state for the benefit of this committee tonight that I do not regard them as 'good neighbours', and as such I would like to explain my reasoning behind this statement.

They have no regard for us as their neighbours and they do not maintain the grass verges, trees or street lighting outside of the boundary fence. My neighbour mows the grass to make our local area look respectable and we swap the lightbulbs, (with ladders) in the streetlamps to maintain a bit of light in the night, but currently all four streetlights are faulty. This presents us with a security risk, especially in the winter. We would like assurances from Oadby and Wigston Council that this situation will not be allowed to continue as it has been.

At the consultation meeting held in April, I spoke to Duncan DeBoltz of the MoJ estates team, and he told me that Blaby Council and the MoJ had agreed a deal, where Blaby have taken on the responsibility of the lighting for the ex-prison quarters sold off at around the same time as the ones on Crete Avenue were, however he wouldn't tell me what that deal was.

Whilst we acknowledge that this is documented in Planning Statement that has been submitted, we are residents within the Oadby and Wigston Council boundary and we want you to have no doubt about our requests to the MoJ:

- New Fence (at end of Crete Avenue) - we would like the new 2.4m boundary fence to be of a solid, smooth, non-reflective construction to protect our privacy, it would reduce carpark noise and is in keeping with our residential area. This fence needs to provide security both for us residents & the carpark (We don't want a shiny mesh industrial looking fence!);
- My neighbour (Mrs Sutton) who lives at 35 Crete Avenue, would like the new perimeter fence moving back slightly to allow shrub planting between the road and the new fence. On the current plan the new fence cuts across the road;
- Lighting - Whilst we have no lighting at the moment we do not want to be looking from our bedroom windows at a wall of bright white light aiming down at the

carparks. There is no mention of lighting on these current plans, and we are concerned about this and want to know what is planned;

- Lighting (Crete Avenue) - We would like street lighting that works and have the contact details of who to report it to when it doesn't;
- Noise - we'd like suitable noise screening (preferably native trees) to provide some additional protection for myself and my neighbours who live on Hindoostan Avenue which will be adjacent to the new visitor's car park;
- Planting (external to the perimeter fence) - We would like the planting to be in keeping with our estate and to be of native British shrubs and trees.
- Planting (external to the perimeter fence) - We'd like some assurances that these new trees will be maintained in a suitable manner, as and when the internal trees are maintained.
- Grass (external to the fence) - we note that there is a lot of grassed areas in the car park areas, we'd like the grass on the external area to the fence to be included when the carpark grass is cut.
- Parking - While the MoJ has stated in the Planning Statement that they will discourage parking on Crete Avenue, we still haven't been consulted how they plan to do that.

I'm sure that you will all agree our requests are not unreasonable and thank you all again for being able to be able to speak on behalf of myself and my neighbours.