

CENTRAL PARK ACTION PLAN.

I would like to enlarge on two aspects of the Central Park Plan

- 1) The development of Peverell Corner and
 - 2) The Life Centre.
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If the car park is allowed, then not only would there be a loss of six allotments the site would also be dangerous for people walking along the lane by the Co-building. Cars will want to access the site and this would conflict with pedestrians going to Pounds Park, and the Doctor's surgery. Since the plans produced we have heard that the Pounds House lease will be taken over by other occupants. In fact some of the previous occupants have already left. The six allotments that will be taken for the car park, we are told, will be reallocated to the Pennycomequick end of Central Park. This will be a long way for present holders of the allotments to walk, particularly if they are carrying tools.

We also hear that the buildings which will replace the present Co-op building and the planned flats will be four stories high. Any building this high will cast quite a big shadow so this will obscure the view of the Park.

- 2) The Life Centre.

I refer to the document, Get Plymouth Active, analysis of need which was given to us at the Pre-Examination meeting. This should have shown to us much earlier to enable us to comment more fully. According to a report in the 'Herald' on the 12th. April 2008, Officers delayed the Life Centre Report. I assume that this referred to the document with which we were presented at the pre-examination meeting. Suffice to say that all sport and leisure activities should not be centred on Central Park, they should be provided in other parts of the City. All areas should have their own sports and leisure facilities. This will avoid people having to travel to Central Park to take part in these activities. If people are encouraged to travel to Central Park then this will result in large congestion and more pollution in the City. Most people will come by private car rather than public transport. This would appear to be in conflict with the policy of Plymouth City Council who keep saying that they want more people to get out of their cars and use alternative methods of travel. It is also in conflict with every other local authority in the South-West and indeed, of National Policy

The above remarks also apply to Peverell Corner. The building of car parks serves to increase traffic. The only way to get people out of their cars is to make it increasingly difficult to park.

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