

Commented on EIA	Date received	name	Consultation Response Comments
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Stop the development at Longridge Wood
y	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	This beautiful wood already impacted with trees already ripped out. Animals and birds have been displaced. Houses no longer protected from the elements. Woodland is an excellent area for children to play in, pick fruit and walk dogs. Climate change is important world wide and we should not be felling woodland in own communities. Trees planted in another area will not benefit this area
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Area is short of woodland. Wildlife depend on the woodland. A new area will take long time to mature.
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Middlesbrough has very few green sites. Save our green sites for walking and the future
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	The woodland broadens the Marton West Beck corridor. Middlesbrough needs more trees to protect the environment. The new planting area will not have the same structure of hedges and copse
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Unhappy that MBC wish to destroy community greenspace used for recreational pursuits and by wildlife. Additional residential use will be difficult to develop at this time and there is ample brownfield land in the district
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Please stop the felling of trees at Longridge Wood.
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Longridge Wood is highly visible from ring road. Removal and development will bring irreversible damage. Development will create congestion. The destruction of trees will deprive recreational users of it's pleasures. There appears to be no development at this time.
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	"Walk into my landscape and feel the fear, you may not be able to do it tomorrow". A nightmare picture of destroyed woodland
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	This project will deprive the area of mature nature area that cannot be replaced. There are plenty of building plots available. Building on this site is more lucrative and puts money before people.
letter	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Felling will destroy an excellent woodland used for 25 years and destroy wildlife habitat. The woodland has been used as an educational facility by children attending schools in the area. It has also been used for children to play in safely and for the public to walk through. The reason for clearance is financial even though there is no developer at the moment. At 80 years of age I can't use the new wood.

	y	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	I oppose the felling as the area used by many locals and people travel from outside the area to use and enjoy it. The alternative area is a waste of time as the site is not suitable and not local, jumping in cars to use it will not help the environment. Felling will remove wildlife and peaceful surroundings. Extra houses will contribute to global pollution and there is not enough green space in Middlesbrough.	
	y	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Longridge Wood is used by many people not only those in local vicinity. Although MBC say land was designated for housing over 30 years ago they allowed planting of 600 trees 13 years ago proving original plan had been changed. If removal goes ahead it will have an adverse effect on the environment. There are other sites available for building	
		02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Really disgusted at MBC for taking down trees. We have watched trees grow over 15 years and wildlife make it their home. Not surprised that Middlesbrough will be one of least green places if MBC remove all trees. Why remove trees, as Middlesbrough is already one of least green towns.	
		02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Environment needs trees to offset carbon proliferation. To destroy habitat and wildlife is wanton vandalism. The area is used by children interested in seeing flora and wildlife. Adults walk their dogs in pleasant surroundings. New planting will need 15 years to reach maturity of those destroyed. The wood helped absorb noise from traffic . Walking in the woodlands is relaxing and peaceful in these stressful times .	
		02-Mar-09	Consultation response	Middlesbrough has a very small number of trees and destruction of an amenity enjoyed for past 20 years regretted. Cannot see any justification for deliberate destruction of wooded area which is proven CO2 sequester. The wood being in walking distance for the community as a recreation area enhances it's importance. There appears to be a drive to reduce Middlesbrough to it's lowest common denominator rather than save and nurture green space.	

	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>Greatly concerned by wanton destruction of Longridge by MBC. Alternative planting site is beyond walking distance for many users. Planting saplings in another area of town is no compensation. There will be loss for the wildlife and subsequent loss of all wildlife. The cleared area is already a muddy ugly patch surrounded by unsafe metal barriers which in places covers a footpath which has steep steps next to the road. A hay meadow is no substitute for mature trees. The noise from Stainton is no longer masked the beauty and tranquillity is lost. The area is used for walking and bird watching etc. Middlesbrough will lose yet another green space. 30 years ago Middlesbrough was not the place it is now, things have changed and many projects planned then have been discarded. It is unlikely a builder will be found and it will become a 'white elephant' and there are other brownfield sites available.</p>	
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>No thought for the environment or people of Middlesbrough has gone into the application and if granted is totally unacceptable. In one of the worst polluted areas of the country established trees are essential. Felling them and replanting is neither cost effective or sensible</p>	
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>The loss of trees would be a crime against nature. Middlesbrough has only 1% tree cover. Wildlife will be affected as it is a popular nesting area for birds and home to various animals. Building new homes in an already over populated area of Middlesbrough will add to traffic and pollution. The area is used for recreation by the locals.</p>	
	02-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>Can't believe that in this day and age that there was any need to fell trees in area like this. The council has no plans for the area and in current down turn hardly any chance of selling it off. Consider it another example of Middlesbrough riding roughshod over people with no regard for social or environmental impact. New trees are to be planted wouldn't act as filter for co2 like the mature trees. Well being and quality of life should be considered.</p>	
y	03-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>The area is extensively used for informal recreational purposes by local adults and children. The loss of mature trees will impoverish the local environment and as Middlesbrough has few trees it should not be destroying the ones it has. The area contrasts with the adjacent beck in shape and tree and adds to the variety of wildlife in the area. There have not been any specific (building) proposals therefore this woodland should be retained. Ideally it would remain undeveloped.</p>	

	03-Mar-09	Consultation response	Please register my objection to felling Longridge Wood. According to World Wide fund for nature woodland covered 1,235,000 acre's in 1945 was reduced to just 741,000 in 50 years.	
	03-Mar-09	Consultation response	I deplore the felling application. Not only are they environmentally valuable in a town notoriously short of trees, but they are a haven for wildlife and a recreational facility for the locality. Replacement elsewhere will not compensate for the loss of so many trees. Environmental loss to the area	
	03-Mar-09	Consultation response	The woodland was planted using taxpayers money and is for the community. Trees are needed to clean the air and provide open space for families to enjoy. They provide vital habitat for wildlife without this animals will die, an environment lost. Replacement saplings elsewhere will not compensate for loss of amenity and wildlife to local community. This space provides a place for people to exercise and relax vital to well being. It keeps noise of traffic and provides a place of tranquillity people can go to reduce stress.	
	03-Mar-09	Consultation response	The local community cannot understand why established and much loved woodland is being cleared for housing for which there is no present demand. Woodland is currently contributing to combating climate change	
	03-Mar-09	Consultation response	Concerned that wildlife has to suffer at the hands of councils and developers. There has to be a balance between what is good for mankind and nature, without the natural world left meaningless. Where will wildlife go into new pastures. All manner of wildlife are seen in Longridge Wood which is a relaxing haven of interest and place to unwind. These pockets of green lungs spaces in Middlesbrough should be retained	
	03-Mar-09	Consultation response	Disgusted that such a beautiful area can be sacrificed for more housing. Brownfield sites should be developed. Object to all environmental issues concerning loss of trees. Loss of wildlife. Loss of 15 year old trees. An increase in traffic noise from Stainton Way. Loss of tranquillity. Loss of recreational use. Number of people affected. How much area is used. Loss of green field site.	

	y	03-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>I use the site for run training for last 10 years, minutes away from my doorstep, I don't need to use car to get there. There is no other place like this in the area. It is one of last open spaces left to build houses that in my view not required. Woodland allow running free from traffic. It is a tranquil haven in an overdeveloped area. I am worried about the wildlife and where it will go. Compensatory planting no good at all. The woodland is totally surrounded by housing and roads are seriously congested. Felling of 600 trees is not good for the environment. New house building will be disruptive for residents. Footpaths criss cross the area and are used every day. People walk, children play and sledge down the bank. There are plans to build elsewhere in the town and this is the only available open space in the area</p>
		03-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>Quiet mature woodland I use to go jogging, having access to green woodland is important as live in built up estate. Longridge provides patch of natural beauty in built up area for the residents and serves as an island for local wildlife. Already traffic congestion and no buyer yet for the land. It is a relaxing area to exercise and unwind.</p>
		04-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>Whips and saplings no replacement for these mature trees. This site is much loved by local residents. To be bulldozed despite not having a buyer. Local residents use site to exercise, walk dogs and children to school. Only few greenfield sites in Middlesbrough an industrial town consequently the loss of a mature woodland would be a bitter blow.</p>
		04-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>Resident of Newbottle support residents of Longridge as loss of woodland shocking and unacceptable. There are so many contradictions between what Middlesbrough council have done and what they claim is their policy. Middlesbrough has 1% tree cover 10 times below the National average. There is no developer and thousands of houses for sale so why destroy woodland used by local community and wildlife. Thought Forestry Commission existed to develop and protect trees not to approve felling of mature trees and plant others in a numbers game.</p>
		04-Mar-09	Consultation response	<p>Strongly objects to felling of trees for all the reasons outlined by others. Middlesbrough needs all the green spaces it has, build on more suitable location.</p>

			<p>530 people signed a petition in April 2005 to save this woodland. 250 people completed an eight page document in support of the village green application. 150 people submitted 5 page documents relating to core strategy DPD submission. Much anger from local residents in letters to press, mayors and relevant officers. Have documents which show the bulk of the area was planned as informal parkland at one stage. Longridge is unusual in that it has developed naturally and paths have evolved from local walkers and has atmosphere of tranquillity. The early felling has affected noise levels for houses nearby. There is noticeable lack of calls from wildlife. Research shows trees combat environmental problems, absorb carbon dioxide and enhance peoples quality of life. Replanting elsewhere is not satisfactory as Longridge suffers no vandalism and have a good canopy. The new trees will take 15 years to catch up and will serve as a walk but not a recreational woodland. MBC show little awareness of duties to BAP. There are many articles in the media about the loss of Longridge. MBC has Beacon status for</p>	
	04-Mar-09	Consultation response		
			<p>Strongly opposition to plans to fell trees at Longridge. As member of Parliament for Langbaugh in 1996 was aware of strength of opinion against development when proposed in Local plan as feeling that area already substantially over developed and loss of woodland was cause for concern. Would now argue that the plan is 10 years out of date re housing needs and impact of deforestation and beneficial impact upon environment of trees are vital to reduce carbon dioxide, produce oxygen and reduce temperatures is widely known. Longridge wood also valued by residents and wildlife. FC has responsibility under forestry act to prevent loss of tree cover and ensure no harm to environment.</p>	
	04-Mar-09	Consultation response		
			<p>Opposed as important to keep green areas for public to take kids, run around, relax and walk. as plenty of houses being constructed</p>	
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			<p>This is a family wood used daily by residents and visitors. It is full of wildlife and contributes to reducing carbon emissions. Already plenty of houses being built without the need for this wanton destruction</p>	
	05-Mar-09	Consultation response		
			<p>As residents for 33 years we have enjoyed pleasurable walks in Longridge and enjoyed the peace and tranquillity. Saddened at loss of woodland cleared already for the sake of more houses when young and old enjoy that little bit of countryside, good for body and mind.</p>	
	07-Mar-09	Consultation response		

y	08-Mar-09	Consultation response	Dismayed that MBC applying for a felling licence. Unfairly in a recent TV broadcast Middlesbrough was described as " worst place to live" . If M Council gets its way it will live up to that description.	
	12-Mar-09	Consultation response	Protest at wanton destruction. MBC on record as stating that we have far too few trees with average 1% tree cover. They are using the 5 cubic metre loophole to bypass control aspects of forestry	
	12-Mar-09	Consultation response	Against destruction by MBC. Why clear beautiful site for development in current climate	
	12-Mar-09	Consultation response	This site is in the middle of a built up area. Many people use this site for walking. Now we have scruffy grass surrounded by wire fencing -who is building at the current time? Listen to the people and stop this wanton destruction	