



POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

NOISE US

Many of the species housed are vocal day and night. New residents must be made aware of this existing noise and be clear that it cannot be limited, reduced or ceased.

lemurs= over 1 mile, dawn – dusk

Serimas = over 1 mile, dawn – dusk

Kookaburras = over 2 miles, dawn – dusk

Wolfdog = 6+ miles, any time

Cockatoo = over 2 miles, 135 decibels, dawn – dusk

Tawny owl = 50 meters, during night

Barn owl = over 1 mile, any time, but more frequent at night

Capuchin monkey = 3 miles, dawn – dusk

Flying display commentary = daily weekends & School holidays

SECURITY

500 new houses = 500 families with board teenagers. 12% of population are aged between 10- 19. 500 homes = 60 potential board teenagers. A secure Perimeter fence, additional security cameras and alarms will all have to be added.

PESTS

29% of UK households have a pet cat. 29% of 500 homes = 145 potential cats . Serious issue for us and wildlife.

Discarded rubbish, garden waste etc will encourage vermin such as rats.

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Pile driving ,building work, machinery. Detrimental to animal welfare, causing stress over prolonged periods of time. No way to protect animals from noise.

implications on visitor experience. Without our paying visitors, the sanctuary cannot operate. Visitors attend for a enjoyable, family friendly experience. Schools groups, collages and extra needs groups regularly visit the sanctuary where education is a key element. Many attending groups and families have SEN children, constant, prolonged noise from building work will impede on both their enjoyment and their ability to visit the sanctuary during the course of the work.

There are potential implications on staff's health. Constant elevated noise, for prolonged periods. Due to the nature of our work, and the fact that communication between staff, at all times is vital , hearing protection is not an option and would breach health and safety whilst working with wild animals housed at the Zoo.

ROAD ACCESS

25,000 visitors per year to Gentleshaw. All using B5026 / Stone road. Road works / closures WILL affect visitor numbers. Strawberry lane / Blurtons provides staff and visitor's access. Eccleshall infrastructure coping with increased traffic.

FREE FLYING BIRDS

Disruption implementing welfare issues regarding the free and essential flying of birds. Danger to birds landing in building site, access to building site out of operational hours. To comply with regulations, our birds must not be denied the opportunity to fly freely, as has been for over 30 years.



LOW BIODIVERSITY??

THE SITE

- The 25.32ha site is located to the east of Eccleshall, immediately east of the Sancerre Grange development.
- Site located south of Stone Road and north of Stafford Road, providing opportunity for a vehicular link between the two key local routes.
- Site being promoted through the emerging new Stafford Borough Council Local Plan.
- Site predominantly in arable agricultural use and of low biodiversity value.
- Existing mature trees and majority of hedgerows to be retained and enhanced with significant additional tree and hedgerow planting.
- Existing public right of way (Eccleshall 17) crossing the site to be retained and enhanced within landscaped green corridors.

SPECIES KNOWN TO INHABIT PROPOSED SITE

1. Barn owls. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981. schedule 1
2. Red kite. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981.
3. Peregrine falcon. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981
4. Kestrel. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981
5. Sparrowhawk. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981
6. Common buzzard. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981
7. Little owl. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981, lower protection.
8. Tawny owl. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981
9. Red wings. Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981
10. Spotted wood pecker . Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981
11. Green wood pecker . Protected under wildlife and countryside act 1981
12. Several species of endangered Bumble bee. A list of which is currently being comprised with assistance from the Bumble bee conservation trust.
13. Hedgehogs are regularly seen , including breeding female, living in and around the site.
14. Short tailed shrews have been found on the site.

PROPOSED HOUSING ESTATES TO SURROUND GENTLESHAW

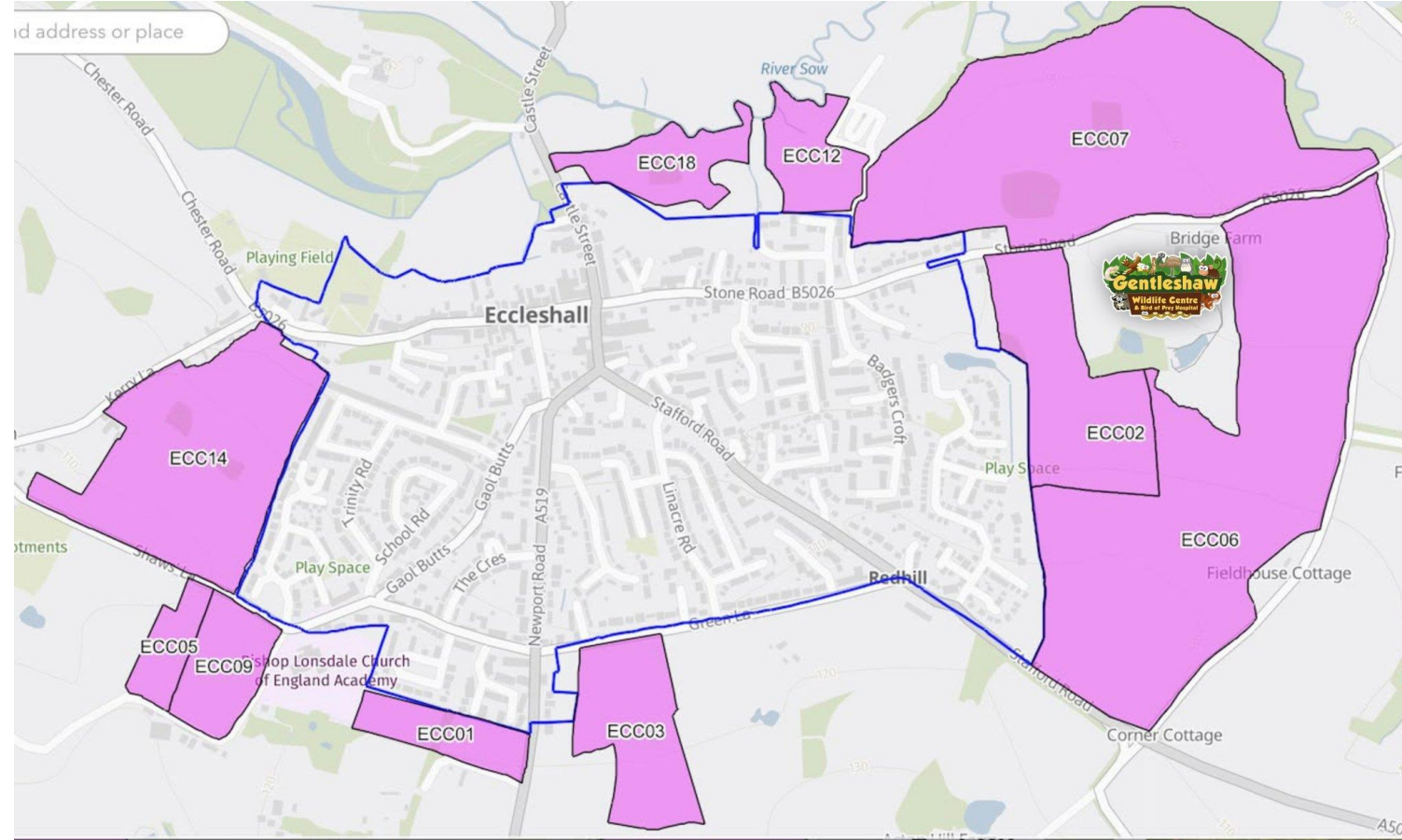


OVER 500 HOMES ARE BEING PLANNED ENCOMPASSING THE SANCTUARY,
WITH SEVERAL 100 MORE PLANNED AROUND THE TINY TOWN OF
ECCLESHALL. SURROUNDING GENTLESHAW, DESTROYING WILDLIFE RICH
HABITATS, CREATING NOISE AND DISRUPTION.

HELP STOP THESE HUGE DEVELOPMENTS.

SIGN THE PETITION

AREAS MARKED IN PURPLE ARE THE PROPOSED SITES FOR
CONSTRUCTION.



Say NO
to an extra 1000
houses in Eccleshall
Go to Change.org
'Protecting our town
from over development'
Sign the petition