

Dear Resident,

QUESTION AND ANSWERS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS REGARDING ELVASTON CASTLE PLANS

The road doesn't impact me.

...with the loss of trees there will be a reduced barrier to the noise and pollution. There will be an increase in traffic (both moving and stationary) both on the B5010 and the A6

There's been talk about the development at Elvaston Castle and the Country Park for the past 10 years.

... that is the case but, now an actual planning application has gone live. This development is going to happen, and this is why some of your neighbours and Elvaston Parish Council are opposing the plans, specifically the new road, new roundabout and widening of the B5010.

ECAG has always been concerned regarding any of the developments at Elvaston Castle over the past few years.

... ECAG is a small group of people who are passionate about safeguarding Elvaston Castle and its grounds, and also the local community. ECAG are not opposed to the development of new amenities which will improve the Castle but believe that a new road and car park at a cost of £8 million is NOT the best use of funding on Castle improvements.

Why should I bother opposing, other people are doing it.

... we will only be listened to if we come together as a community and neighbours to formally oppose the planning application. This needs to be done via the online portal or a letter. Elvaston Parish Council are making available a template letter – either phone the clerk for a hardcopy to be delivered to you, or go to the website www.elvastoncastleactiongroup.org and email it to your MP and District Councillor. Let's not forget that some of the proposals that DCC are making could possibly be UNLAWFUL. If we don't challenge DCC now, this paves the way for future developments without consultation in our communities that will reduce our current quality of life.

I support the road – it will be much better with that there will be no traffic coming through the village.

We currently have a layby which is filled with cars which do not use the carpark. Once the new car park is in, the old one will be closed creating a greater risk that the villages of Thulston, Elvaston and Ambaston become a huge 'free of charge' carpark. The addition of a new roundabout on the A6 close to Thulston Island is also likely to impede journey times and increase risk of accidents.

I'm not bothered by the developments because I don't go to the Park and I might like some of the services on offer when it's finished.

The services on offer will hopefully be great, BUT with the road changes, your travel times, access from and to the A6 and B5010 will be impacted and there will be a significant noise increase from the roads (B5010, A6, A50) as there will be less trees (due to splays and visibility requirements) to screen the noise. More traffic will bring more air pollution. And if the road infrastructure is in place, this may lead to more developments around Thulston specifically next to the A6 – such as housing or commercial.

No amount of opposition will change anything.

... if nobody opposes anything, nothing will change. Support your community, support your neighbours, let's see if together we can try and change minds by being passionate, raising awareness and objecting to the planning application for the widening of the B5010, the new roundabout and the new access road around and next to the Castle. Let's stand together!!

If you have any more questions or concerns, please raise with them via the Elvaston Parish Council clerk at elvastonclerk@gmail.com who can arrange for a telephone call or visit from someone who has had the time to understand the many papers which form the planning application.