

Talking heads Nirah

I don't really know what the developers are thinking about. I mean is cruel to keep animals in captivity isn't it? Aren't fish animals? Anyway if you read what Nirah wants to do they want to experiment on the fish . . . That has to be cruel.

This would be really good for me. I mean there will be lots of jobs created and I always wanted to work in tourism. I can see that I will not need to move away from my family to start to develop a career in Tourism.

It's going to be expensive isn't it? Someone will have to spend millions on making the domes and tanks to keep the fish in. I guess the council will have to cough up loads of money and that means me and my family.. Lets see fish, fish I ask you. Do you really want to go and see fish as tourism? How are the fish going to make my money back?

Okay the area has been spoilt by industry, but what are we doing now? New developments all over and this one .. a tank for fish well what is the point. It seems that any idea will do. How's a fish tank going to improve the environment then?

Well they've really messed up the land. It's just a massive hole. 15 to 20 metres deep and massive its miles long. It's a dump. Nirah is something new; no one else will have this. Its going to improve the whole place. I mean no one goes there now. When Nirah is built thousands of people will go there.

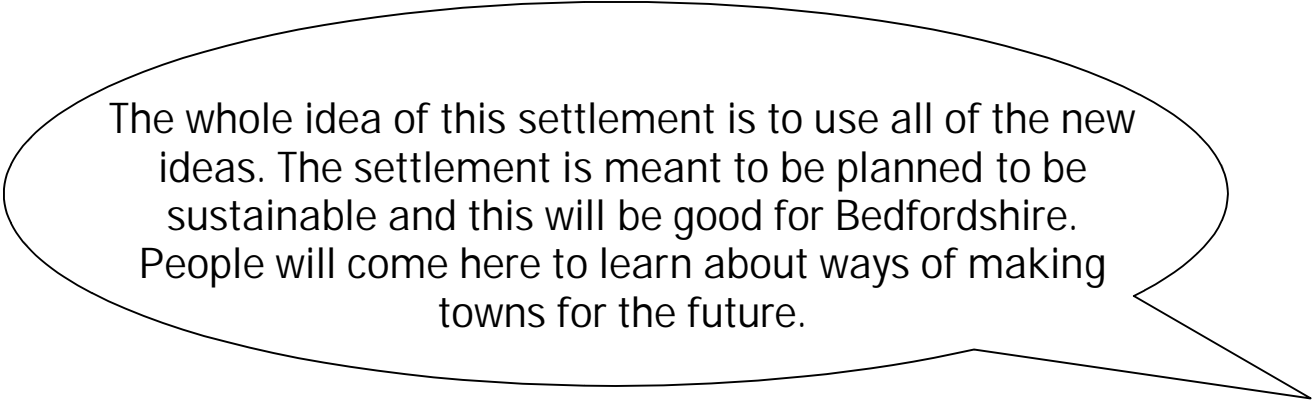
It's a huge hole in the ground. If they don't use it for Nirah what are they going to do? Make another lake. We've got loads of them, we don't need any more. It could be worse they could just fill the hole with rubbish and not ours we could just dump London's waste in Bedfordshire. Another landfill site!

Talking Heads Wixhams

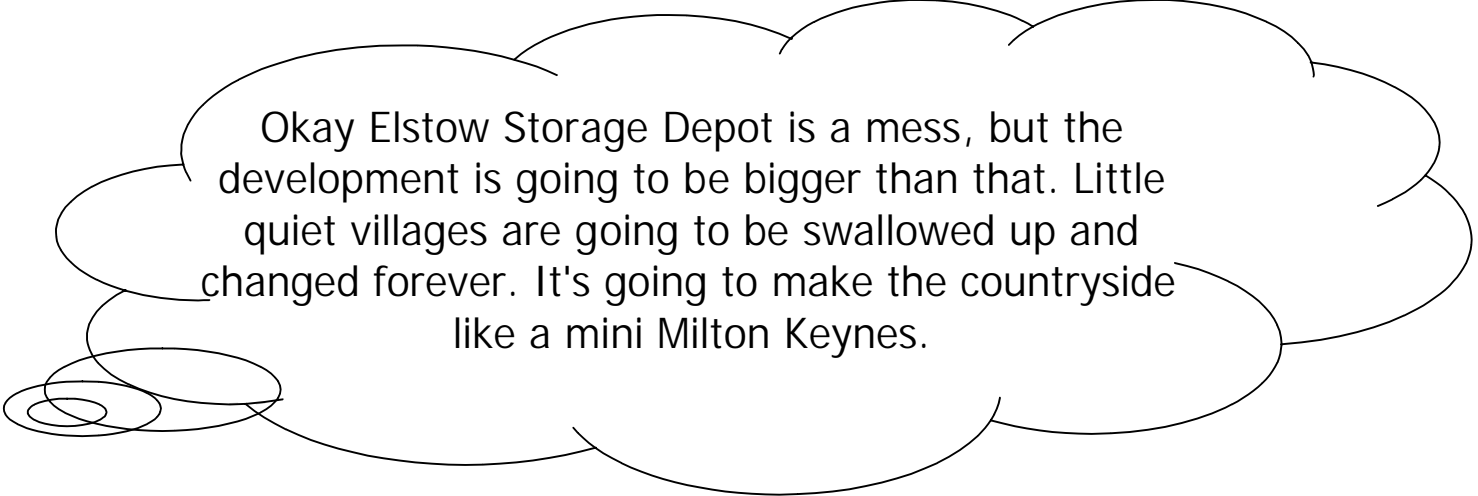
It's a brownfield site, you know and it's a dump. They say that the land is still poisoned after making the ammunition in the Second World War that means building on the land will make it better than it is. This will definitely make the environment better than it is now.

I'm quite worried you know. We've heard all this about new housing causing flooding as the rain water is stopped from sinking into the ground. Well this development is huge. It must increase the risk of flooding.

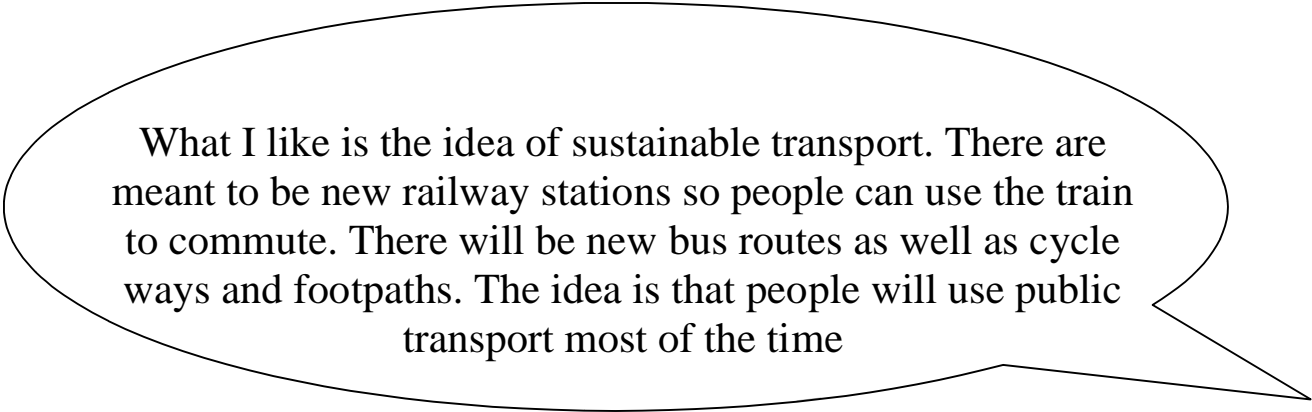
10,000 homes means 10,000 cars at least. How is the road system going to cope? The roads round here are quite small and I can see that traffic congestion will just get worse.



The whole idea of this settlement is to use all of the new ideas. The settlement is meant to be planned to be sustainable and this will be good for Bedfordshire. People will come here to learn about ways of making towns for the future.



Okay Elstow Storage Depot is a mess, but the development is going to be bigger than that. Little quiet villages are going to be swallowed up and changed forever. It's going to make the countryside like a mini Milton Keynes.



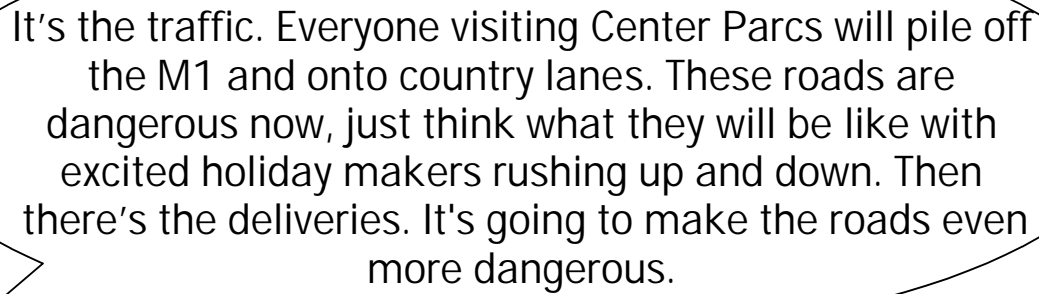
What I like is the idea of sustainable transport. There are meant to be new railway stations so people can use the train to commute. There will be new bus routes as well as cycle ways and footpaths. The idea is that people will use public transport most of the time

Talking Heads Center Parcs

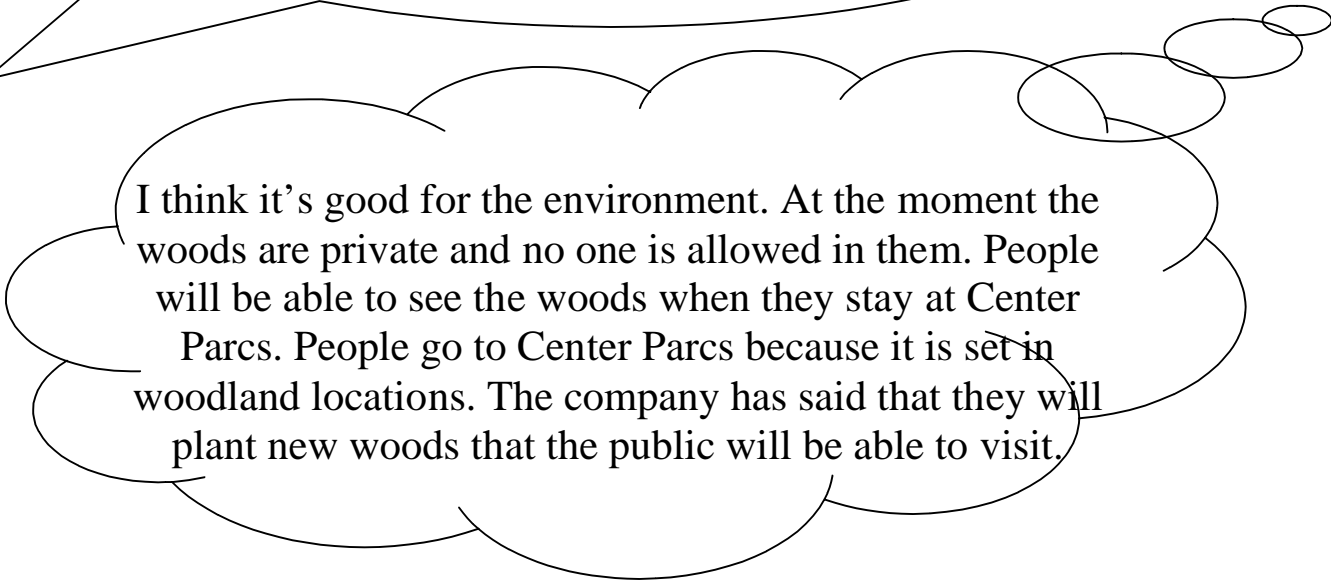
This is very exciting. Just think of all the jobs. They say that Center Parcs itself will need 1,500 workers all year round. Then the development will create even more local jobs in companies that supply the holiday village.

It's going to take up woodland. Trees will be cut down and the woods act like a Green Belt stopping the towns growing into each other. If they build this holiday village it will just be the start. More and more places will grow and we will lose the countryside forever.

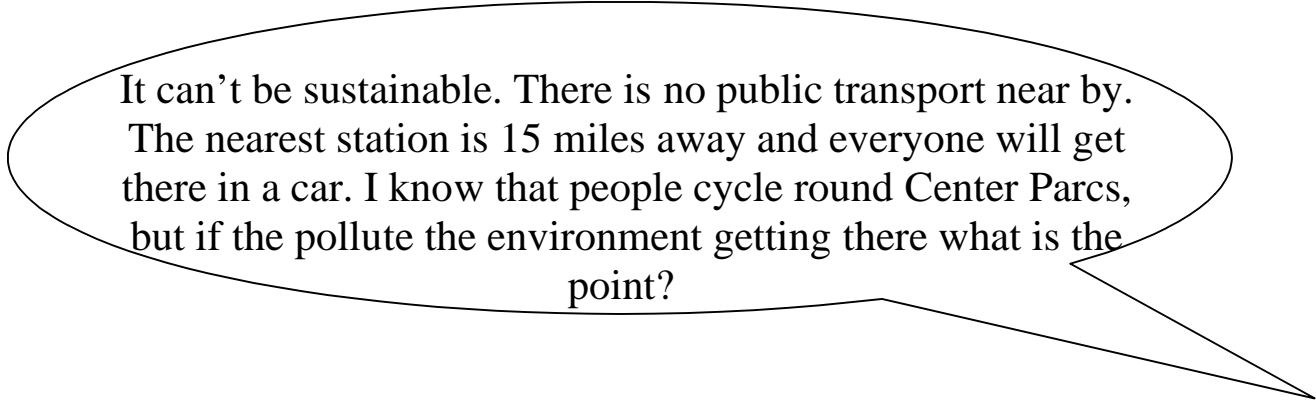
Just think of the money that will come in. I know that Center Parcs is owned by an American company, but they will buy a lot in Bedfordshire and will pay tax. This development must be worth Millions each year to the local economy.



It's the traffic. Everyone visiting Center Parcs will pile off the M1 and onto country lanes. These roads are dangerous now, just think what they will be like with excited holiday makers rushing up and down. Then there's the deliveries. It's going to make the roads even more dangerous.



I think it's good for the environment. At the moment the woods are private and no one is allowed in them. People will be able to see the woods when they stay at Center Parcs. People go to Center Parcs because it is set in woodland locations. The company has said that they will plant new woods that the public will be able to visit.




It can't be sustainable. There is no public transport near by. The nearest station is 15 miles away and everyone will get there in a car. I know that people cycle round Center Parcs, but if they pollute the environment getting there what is the point?

Talking Heads Forest Centre

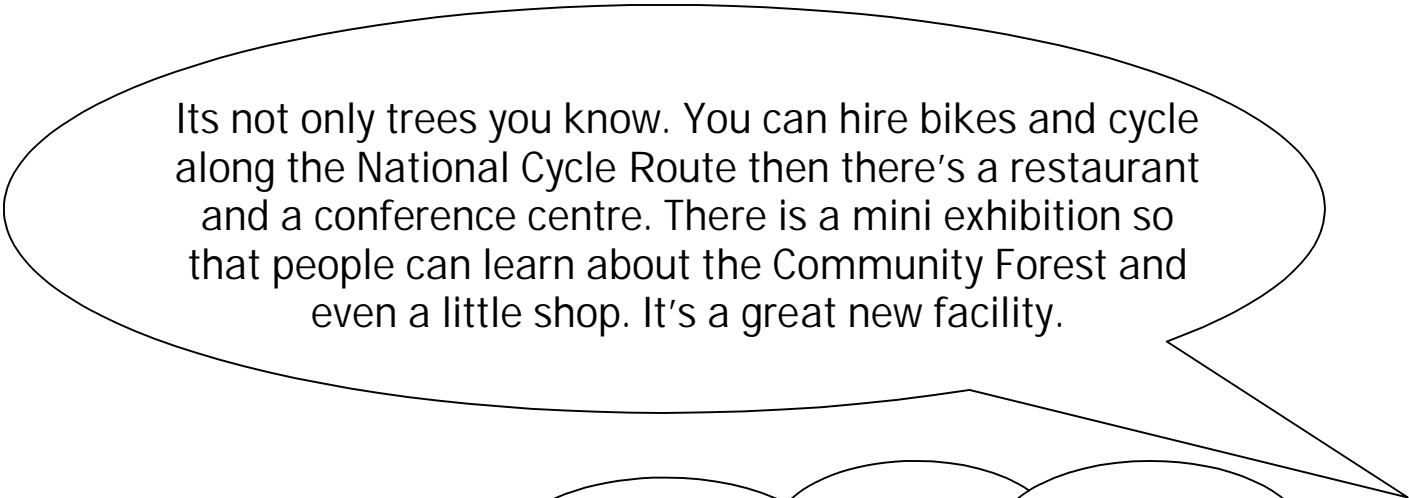
Building this is better than the clay pits that were there before. Everyone can go there and enjoy the countryside. If you live in a town like Bedford or Milton Keynes it's great to get out in to the fresh air.

I can't see how it's going to make money. Most of it is just woods and people don't have to pay to walk round woods. Anyway it's going to take 40 years before there is anything to see. I'll be too old to use it

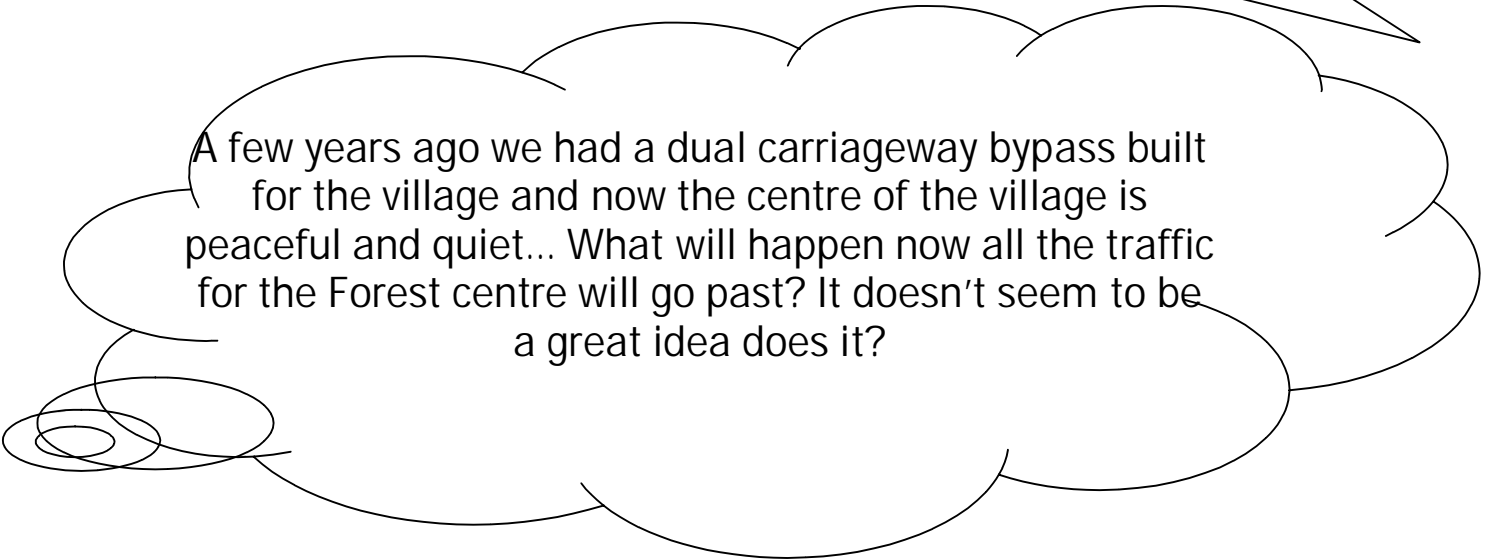
I live in the local village and there isn't any thing for teenagers. The buses are expensive to get anywhere and what do they offer us? Trees and a café that closes and is locked up at 6pm. How's this going to make my quality of life better?



It's sustainable it's all about conservation and improving the environment. So it has to be sustainable doesn't it?



Its not only trees you know. You can hire bikes and cycle along the National Cycle Route then there's a restaurant and a conference centre. There is a mini exhibition so that people can learn about the Community Forest and even a little shop. It's a great new facility.



A few years ago we had a dual carriageway bypass built for the village and now the centre of the village is peaceful and quiet... What will happen now all the traffic for the Forest centre will go past? It doesn't seem to be a great idea does it?