**Proposed Development on Heritage Land at Kedleston Road**

**Appeal to Potential Funders for a Judicial Review**

By now I am sure that your will have heard about the appeal decision made by John L Gray, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, regarding the proposed development adjacent to Kedleston Road. His decision to allow the developer’s appeal is now likely to result in at least 400 hundred houses being built on a protected heritage setting, unless the decision is overturned in the High Court.

Kedleston Voice is both concerned and outraged by this decision, which was made despite: there being approaching 2,000 objections lodged by local residents; the protection afforded to the land by Amber Valley District Council (AVBC) and it not being in their local plan; and AVBC’s rejection of both applications presented by the developer based on heritage grounds.

Kedleston Voice (KV) was represented at the appeal inquiry on the basis of the community raising £40,000 to try to ensure the site continued to be protected. We felt that we had a strong case. Mr Gray’s decision and conduct at the Inquiry has raised many questions for residents, particularly regarding potential pre-determination and his interpretation of setting being at odds with the statutory and expert opinion, guidance and case law. His decision will have ramifications for heritage sites across the country in the future.

KV would like to apply to the High Court for a judicial review of the inquiry decision. Due to the law as written, this will have risk and be costly. We estimate that we will have to raise £30,000 at least to be represented **but this would not need to be available in one go. There are stages to the process with separate costs.**

**We are writing to ask if there are any benefactors within our community who are prepared to further support the campaign and help to fund the judicial review costs.**

**The decision as to whether to trigger a judicial review will need to be made in the next two weeks** and so time is short. If you feel that you can support KV, we would ask you to write to us confidentially at [info@kedlestonvoice.com](mailto:info@kedlestonvoice.com). We will then be pleased to contact you and discuss the matter more fully.

It is very important that we look to find a way to overturn this unjust and illegal decision. It not only has major ramifications for Allestree and Quarndon communities, it has also become a matter of national importance if we are to protect our heritage landscapes against the advances of further developments.

We look forward to hearing from you

The Kedleston Voice Committee