

The most visible public notices — including the Stage One Poster and Advert in Consultation Report Appendices (Appendix C 3, EN010168 000505) — did not mention the acreage at all, and throughout the entire consultation the size of the project was rarely highlighted in any public facing material.

The maps used lacked a visible scale, which made it extremely difficult for residents to understand the actual land take. As a result, many people, myself included, did not realise how large the development was until much later, which reduced early engagement and made those who did raise concerns easier to dismiss as overreacting.

Had the size of the project been presented more clearly and transparently from the start, the public would have been far better placed to participate meaningfully.

(Note - Copilot helped me understand some of the complicated sections in the various reports, summarise and clarify what I wanted to say. And also told me which section to file my comment under. The concerns are my own. I had 1200+ words and ran out of time, so I panicked and pasted my main points about clarity of scale. So I hope it makes sense.)