



'Earthquake zone' claims of couple

A COUPLE, who bought a house on Cedars Park last year, have described the area as 'an earthquake zone'.

Mike Rose and Kim Taylor moved into their new home, in Phoenix Way, last March.

But seven months later, their quiet cul-de-sac location was shattered when builders moved into the area to fill a collection pond, which catches excess rainwater.

Mr Rose, who is semi-retired, said: "Crest Nicholson sold all the land around us to Bovis Homes. This meant they had no access to the area other than between our house and our neighbours' home. "Around 70 lorries a day go past our house, from 8am to 4pm. They then started using a vibrating roller to compact the soil, which means it is like living in an earthquake zone."

The couple have now learned Crest Nicholson plans to access the area for another year to build 19 new homes.

Ms Taylor said: "The front of our house is filthy from all the dirt and we often have to bring washing in. We don't object to the houses being built, it is just the way Crest has gone about it."

Mr Rose added: "If we knew Crest had no access at the time we would have opposed the new housing plans, but they just move the goal posts all the time."

On Tuesday, the couple were visited by a representative from the company and were told they would be given assistance once the development was completed.

OBJECTIONS: A view from the couple's home, above, showing the route taken by lorries
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Mike Rose is unhappy his peaceful new home has been blighted by development traffic, right
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