

THE PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH - EXAMINATION

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD PROPOSALS.

1.0 My representations lodged in February 2013 make reference at Section 9 to:

“Also it is understood that further (new) material will be provided by the County Council in respect of an EDR at or shortly before any Examination in Public, and this material will not have been open for scrutiny or public consultation.”

1.1 The further material has now been prepared and published and comprises:

- Stafford Borough Integrated Transport Strategy 2013-2031 (SBITS)
- Stafford Eastern Distributor Road – Indicative Economic Assessment (Staffordshire County Council 24 May 2013)(SEDRIEA)

1.2 It is noted that whilst the SBITS is included in the latest list of documents in the examination library, there is no mention of the SEDRIEA.

1.3 SBITS makes clear at paragraph 6.12 that:

“The historical route of the EDR between Baswich Lane, Milford Road and Cannock Road has few demonstrable benefits therefore is not included in the Stafford Eastern Access Improvements.”

1.4 This represents the latest analysis and strategy of the Local Transport Authority and ‘changes’ tack from the historical analysis that lead to the former EDR safeguarding proposals.

1.5 SEDRIEA contains a detailed and up-to-date analysis of the EDR and seeks to “provide an initial assessment of the likely costs and transport benefits, and establish the feasibility of each scenario to help steer the Plan for Stafford Borough and the review of the SBITS.” Referring to the sections of the EDR between St Thomas Lane and Cannock Road (Sections C & D – Figure 2-1), the report states:

“Sections C and D have few demonstrable transport benefits. Therefore both the planning authority and highway authority should consider whether it is appropriate to continue to protect these sections of the route.”

- 1.6 In excluding the sections of the EDR from St Thomas Lane to Cannock Road from the latest SBITS it is clear that the highway authority have chosen not to protect these historical sections of the route. My representations seek to ensure that the local planning authority follow the same course and delete these sections of the EDR 'route' from the Plan for Stafford Borough.

