

INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Holmes,

Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2 Examination

Unfortunately Ingestre with Tixall Parish Council is unable to send a representative to the hearing on July 19th.

However, we would like to strongly support the proposed boundary to Stafford Town running from the Weston Road down Blackheath Lane and Baswich Lane to St Thomas Priory and then back along St Thomas Lane. We are totally opposed to any eastward extension of this boundary into the adjacent open country.

We are very concerned that the current development is taking place without any significant improvement in the Highways Infrastructure, in the mistaken belief that the new residents will be travelling by public transport, on foot or by bicycle. There is an urgent need for a through route round the east of Stafford, i.e. a continuation of the road from Hydrant Way across the Sow Valley to join with Baswich Lane on the far side of the railway. As we have repeatedly said there is currently no safe route for HGVs to cross the Sow/Penk Valley between Radford Bank and Wolsley Bridge.

We are therefore concerned to read in the Sustainability Report of November 2015:

P80:

“Transport Links

The following transport summary is taken from the Stafford Borough Integrated Transport Strategy 2013 – 203136. Stafford Borough has good connections to the national transport network including the M6 and the West Coast Main Line. The A51, A449 and A34 local routes also connect the Borough to the North Staffordshire and West Midlands conurbations and the A518, A513 and A519 provide links to the east and west.”

This is not the case for those living to the east of Stafford, especially when there are problems on M6 and Stafford becomes gridlocked. The current housing developments on the Tixall Road will only exacerbate this problem.

P92 Item 7;

The response to the objective: “To improve opportunities for access for all to work, education, health and local services”, does not address the problem of access by car for residents of Tixall, Ingestre, the Haywoods and beyond, who do not have adequate public transport links, e.g. it is difficult to provide a cost effective services to small populations such as Ingestre, although they still need to access the Hospital and other services in Stafford.

P132 Item 7:-

The same objective is listed for Great Haywood, but again there is no mention of the wider traffic

problems of Great Haywood residents travelling into Stafford.

P211 Item 7:-

The same objective is mentioned for Industrial Estates, but does not address the problem of large vehicles travelling round the east side of Stafford. The narrow bridge at St Thomas Priory is impassable for long vehicles, and HGVs turning into Tixall Rd from Blackheath Lane to go to Dormans are left stranded in the middle of the crossroads. This problem will only be exacerbated by the current industrial development on the far side of the Weston Road.

Yours sincerely,

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