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Subject: Grappenhall area local plan review.

Among the many aspects of the potential developments which concern me, these are the main ones.

1. Why is there a huge difference between the proposed number of new houses to be built north and south of the M62?

2. If the new roads are built, which themselves will carve the Grappenhall area into disjointed artificial areas, how will the existing start and end locations of the roads cope with the increased traffic?

3. If 8,000 houses are added to the area, allowing a conservative average of two vehicles per household, how will local roads cope at rush hours, even assuming the free flow of the M6?

I raised this point at the recent event in Lymm and was told that more cycle lanes would be built and public transport would be improved. Does anyone seriously believe that the new residents would be regular bike or bus users, particularly during the winter months?

4. I understand that the developments would be staggered over a number of years. This would mean existing residents living among building sites and having to contend with construction traffic until the completion of the project. Is this fair?

5. The village centre is currently used by through traffic which has no need to take this route, and this is obviously set to get worse. I suggest that the minimum protection the village should be afforded is the introduction of access only rules. If traffic approaching the village from Bellhouse Lane is only allowed to travel as far as the Old Rectory Nursing Home, and traffic entering the village from the school end is only allowed as far as Australia Lane, access to all the properties in the village centre would be maintained while traffic which should be using the main roads stays there.

Before this is dismissed as too radical a suggestion, may I point out that the village is currently closed off while repairs to the cobbled section are carried out. Even with the road being blocked, access is maintained.

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