

WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Respondent Reference Number 2385

Stretton Parish Council

Statement

Matter 6f Joint Statement on the East / West connectivity

In response to the Joint Statement issued by HomesEngland, MillarHomes and Warrington Borough Council, Stretton Parish Council now makes the following comments.

Stretton Parish Council have made representations at all stages of the proposed Local Plan process and have consistently raised serious concerns regarding the viability/deliverability of the traffic infrastructure proposals for South Warrington and the negative effect that these proposals will have on Local residents, in particular residents of Stretton village.

This new combined Statement now confirms our worst fears that the intention of Warrington Borough Council is to create a direct link from the SEWEA(including the existing Barleycastle industrial estate) to the M56 (Junction 10 Stretton) by converting the B5356 (Stretton Road) into a main distribution road facilitating HGV traffic to adopt an alternative route to access the existing motorway network.

Over 30 years ago both Stretton Parish Council and Appleton Parish Council together with local residents lobbied and succeeded in obtaining a weight restriction on Stretton road that prohibits HGV access from the Barleycastle Industrial estate driving through the respective villages.

Warrington Borough Councils current proposals makes a mockery of the incumbent restrictions and pays no regard to the wishes, opinions , or views of local residents.

If these proposals are enacted it will have a devastating impact on Stretton village. (As outlined in our Matter 11 Transport and Infrastructure Statement)

On behalf of the residents of Stretton we would implore the Planning Inspector to support and safeguard our rural community and make it conditional that Warrington Borough Council provide the necessary weight restrictions that preclude HGV access from the SEWEA through existing and proposed residential areas and protect the integrity,ambiance and nature of our village and its residents.

Kind Regards

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