

Dear Kerry,

Subject: Matter 6f Recent Joint Statement on the East / West Connectivity

In response to the recent Joint Statement issued by Homes England, Miller Homes and Warrington Borough Council, I would like to make the following comments.

I have read the Joint Statement and studied the maps included. It seems clear to me that the proposed route for HGVs would result in HGVs passing along a stretch of the existing B5356 (Stretton Road) close to the existing school.

This new Joint Statement now provides further clarification of those indicative plans and highlights that it is the intention of Warrington Borough Council is to create what is in effect a direct link from the SEWEA (including the existing Barleycastle industrial estate) to the M56 (Junction 10 Stretton) by converting part of the B5356 (Stretton Road) into a main distribution road facilitating HGV traffic to adopt an alternative route to access the existing motorway network.

It is my understanding that over 30 years ago both Stretton Parish Council and Appleton Parish Council together with local residents succeeded in obtaining a weight restriction on Stretton road that prohibits HGV access from the Barleycastle Industrial estate driving through these two villages.

Warrington Borough Councils current proposals as set out in the Joint Statement would appear to override the intentions of those existing restrictions and allow HGV traffic to pass through the village and pays no regard to the concerns of local residents. Stretton village is peaceful with relatively low volumes of through traffic. The proposed changes in routes for HGVs would increase pollution levels, noise and vibration within Stretton village.

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

I would request that whatever new roads are created in order to provide the desired east west connectivity that it should be made a condition that Warrington Borough Council provide the necessary weight restrictions that preclude HGV access from the SEWEA through existing and indeed any proposed new residential areas. In particular the weight restrictions on the B5356 (Stretton Road) should be maintained.

Kind Regards  
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