

To the South Staffs DC Strategic Planning Team  
South Staffs Local Plan Review  
Linthouse Lane Option Locality 3 CONCERNS & OBJECTIONS  
3-12-21

Dear Sir/ Madam

I Have spent a lot of my time looking at the Linthouse Lane Option as you will see from the attachments to this email.

Being a resident of Essington for 60 years I am appalled with the proposed use of our green belt to satisfy the supposedly Black Countries / Wolverhampton lack of brownfield sites to cater for the 1200 house.

SSDC should be strongly challenged for even suggesting using the proposed flooded land, as we must protect the village of Essington, Linthouse Lane & Kitchen Lane's residents from long-term higher-volume traffic issues, and environmental changes if the site is used.

Please see attached map with my comments and listed major issues that identifies my concerns about the proposed development.

For starters why is it ' Our duty to cooperate' when other SS localities seem able to reduce their quotas? I believe it stems from what District Councillor shouts the loudest 'not on my patch'.

At present Essington Village is humiliated with safety concerns not being addressed by the Highways Department this is due to the current amount of traffic through the village not only at peak times.

Essington is being used as a bypass (rabbit run) away from the A road congestion going north from Wolverhampton with high numbers of heavy construction lorries taking advantage.

My other concern is who would be responsible for developing the infrastructure for the Linthouse site to eliminate additional traffic through our village, SSDC or WCC?

Especially the health & safety problem at Hobnook Road at school opening & closing times.

The Essington air quality is also bad enough due to daily jams on the M6 motorway that passes through the centre of our village alongside our school, the additional traffic from the Linthouse Development will only increase the problem.

The fields in question have all been used for cereal growth that is good for the environment and wildlife it is not used for livestock. What is going to happen to the hedgerows?

So to conclude I believe that it would be more suited to the proposed Stafford Road Yieldfields Development who have better links to a suitable A road, motorways & Train stations.

All I can say is please let Essington keep its greenbelt not only for Essington but for residents in Wednesfield who would look on to this mass blighted extended conurbation.

Yours Sincerely  
Adrian & Susan Nicklin

## **Local South Staffs Plans for Linthouse Lane on Essington Green Belt CONCERNS & OBJECTIONS**

Please see attached map that identifies my concerns.

### **Concerns & Major Issues**

1. Essington village is already overwhelmed with high levels of traffic through the day with peak times starting at 8am and finishing at 7pm. With M54 traffic using Bognop road (Weight limit 7.5T) and Wolverhampton Traffic using Blackhalve Lane congesting just prior to passing the school on Hobnock Road going north.
  2. Blackhalve Lane also has volume issues feeding High Hill with traffic cueing from kitchen lane up Upper Sneyd Road to traffic lights at peak times.
  3. School opening & closing times are especially a nightmare with the amount of parent vehicles that adds to major H&S issues for pedestrian parents & children.
  4. Essington has an excellent School with over 100 children attending who do not live in Essington causing most of the current parking issues. You are now proposing another 1200 homes, what school will the parents want their children to go to?
  5. I am told the exit roads from the proposed Linthouse Lane estate are;
    - Blackhalve lane. Traffic going north will heighten our current road issues through the village with major H&S problems by the school.
    - Kitchen Lane. Traffic going north will heighten our current road issues through the village with major H&S problems by the school.
    - Linthouse Lane. Traffic going north will heighten our current road issues through the village with major H&S problems by the school.
- I would like to think that you have noted that all roads and lanes point towards Essington in the Northly direction leading to motorways and Walsall.
  - Are you expecting that all new residents work in Wolverhampton & the Black Country? That is wishful thinking!

## **Local South Staffs Plans for Linthouse Lane Development on Essington Green Belt Continued CONCERNS & OBJECTIONS**

So let us talk about the A roads local to the Proposed Site.

### **Cannock Road A460**

Being the nearest A Road to go North, the only access road is Wood Hayes Road. Have you had a look? It is only a country lane and in places only wide enough for 1 vehicle!

So you are now on the A460 and should be OK to get on the M54 going West and South on to the M6. If you are going North for the M6 at peak times with M54 traffic going North cues continue from Junction through Featherstone to traffic lights at New Road.

So the outcome is that additional traffic will be travelling through Essington Village via Blackhalve lane & Kitchen Lane into Hobnock Road and Bursnips Road to arrive at M6 Junction 11.

### **Wednesfield Road A4124**

When you are building a housing estate for the future that could end up as the same size at Ashmore Park there will be a major increase in traffic on Linthouse Lane leading on to the A4124 that supports the east side of the City.

### **CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC**

Essington is blighted with various construction 17T trucks through our village, we have 2 restricted roads with a weight limit of 7.5T and country lanes the construction companies' drivers do ignore the signs.

Using that as an example;

The construction for the proposed site, could last over an 8 year period, how would SSDC stop the construction traffic travelling through Essington Village?

