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Having lived in Bloxwich, New Invention, Essington village centre and now in Westcroft we feel duty bound to make comments opposing such developments.

- 1) The road infrastructure in and around the area would be incapable of dealing with the large input of traffic, bus services are poor and no direct rail links.
 - 2) These areas that are to be developed are green belt giving a valuable asset to the surrounding communities using the area for leisure walks which benefits health in many ways.
 - 3) The very old public footpaths are used by many people from the surrounding areas giving them access to wild life, the countryside in general and the plants and trees.
 - 4) Essington has suffered many housing developments within its boundaries and now is being encroached upon by development surrounding the area, hence this will end up as a huge urban conurbation.
 - 5) There has been very little thought given to this development and surely there are more appropriate areas within South Staffordshire that could accommodate housing developments more adequately. Could not small pockets of housing developments be situated along the A449 where the roads and motorway connections are more adequate and with the rail line being close this could be used for a station for services to Stafford, Wolverhampton and beyond and with all the industrial activity both existing and planned the houses could accommodate the workers.
 - 6) The only true beneficiaries of large housing developments are the developers themselves (they make more money from large developments that are a blot on the landscape for many years during building). Staffordshire as a county where small developments agreed and planned with local input would be better received and have less impact.
 - 7) With such a large development this area would be a village in its own right and will need schools, medical facilities and all the necessary support groups that are not now present in the area.
- There are many more points too numerous to mention but these seem to us to be the major issues.
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