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Dear Sirs

I attended the local planning review at Essington on the 24th November and was requested to put my views in writing.

There are proposed 1200 to 2038 dwelling that means approx. 2000 plus motor vehicles The traffic through Essington village is already heavy with the usual rush hour traffic between 7.30pm and 10am and 4.30pm and 7pm and made especially chaotic when the high volume of traffic is all day due to the M6 motorway being stalled or blocked. This occurs on a regular basis. The lorries and cars use Bursnips Road and Essington Village as a cut through between Junction 10 and 11 thus causing long tail backs down Hobnock Road and through the village. This causes chaos especially between 8.15 - 9.30 and 1.30pm 4.30pm as parked school traffic and in between these times due to parked vehicles for houses without drives which takes the road down to single lane. Add to the problem construction traffic for the site opposite the school and you have total grid lock. Essington roads are not very wide with just room for two vehicles to pass, a weight retraction through the village except for buses would reduce the problem of lorries trying to squeeze past parked cars and using Essington to get to the Motorway. I have seen articulated lorries attempting to go through Essington and getting stuck on our narrow roads. I asked one why he came through Essington he replied his Sat Nav sent him that way.

A further 1200 houses could mean over 2000 + more cars to clog up the village. The proposed Linthouse Lane site does not have any direct link to the Strategic Road Network and this will produce mass congestion and pollution to the environment. I believe alternate sites should be considered that do have direct access to the Strategic Road Network such as an A road. I know that it is intended to direct them on to the Black Country route, but for the motorway they would be coming through Essington as its the direct route for junction 11. I suggest a system directing them on to the Black Country Route to bypass Essington as its clogged enough as it is especially with the new housing on Hobnock Road, the school ,and being a used as a short cut to the motorway by both lorries and other vehicles. The Sat Navs sent the articulated lorries through Essington so if the 2000 + new proposed drivers also using these devices to get to the motorway, they would also be using the same route through our village.

I also suggest the painting of yellow lines by the shop on the corner of Kingsway and

Brownshore road as the parking is right up to the corner and usually on both sides which significantly stops the view and access of vehicles attempting to exit or enter Kingsway, which is narrow to begin with, this is exasperated with the volume of school parking along Brownshore Lane as it makes it a single-track road as the parking is usually all along it. Brownshore Lane is used as a major through way through the village, and a further 2000+ vehicles would cause a major bottle neck as it is used as a rat run especially if there is congestion on the M6 or on Bursnips Road.

Our roads are apt to flood and are not in the best condition due to potholes and other surface damage due to the amount of traffic already using our roads a further proposed 2000+ vehicles would break our infrastructure. Essington was meant as a rural village not as a major vehicle artery and definitely cannot cope with further traffic.

Getting to work and about for the local residents are difficult enough at the moment further traffic on the roads would be totally unworkable.

Yours faithfully

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