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**Subject:** Local Plan and Proposed Development

Re South Staffs District Council Proposed Development adjacent to Wildwood Estate, Stafford

Dear Sirs

I am writing to OPPOSE the planned housing development on land adjoining the Wildwood Estate on the edge of Stafford.

I have been a resident on Wildwood since 1995. Even back then it could take me 7 or 8 minutes queuing to get off the estate to turn left onto the A34 to get down into town for my work. Winter is even worse as more people use their cars. The traffic continues to increase.

The commute queue, as everyone knows, CONTINUES UNBROKEN along the A34, down Radford Bank all the way to the town centre....coming in from every direction, actually! The reverse is repeated for the homeward commute, whether using the A34 or A449 routes back to Wildwood. What can be a 10 minute journey off-peak regularly takes 20-25 minutes, up to 40 minutes at times currently.

More houses would mean additional cars queuing along the A34 every day. At times I walked to work in Stafford but the fumes from stationary traffic along the whole route were very evident indeed. I also cycled across the fields on the cycle track but in poor weather and wet conditions this is not an option.

Even now, without further housing...and we already have the large new build on the A34 opposite Wildwood ...it is difficult to get appointments at our local surgery. It would be the nearest service for any homes built beside Wildwood. Just for a routine bloodtest, which used to be available within 3 or 4 days of requesting one, I have just waited 4 weeks! My daughter has specific medical needs and health limitations. To book an afternoon appointment to see her GP, the time that meets the needs of her medical limitations, I need to ring at 8am on the actual morning the following month's diary opens to book her appointment...often with the full month to wait as the slots are "grabbed". When doing this last week I started ringing at 7.58am and rang repeatedly, 72 times!!...until my call got through at 8.22am. The lines are this busy every morning with the current local population trying to see their doctors and nurses.

The appointments are filled so very speedily. To secure an appointment my daughter regularly has to get to the Beaconside Surgery rather than our local, Weeping Cross practice. The local infrastructure and amenities are already fully stretched!!

Houses continue to be built but without the requirement to provide vital community services such as Doctors' Surgeries, provision for schools and education, and community centres to service the increase in local population ....and the traffic flow

that brings. All this impacts the existing population, locally and townwide, with increased stress, both practically and emotionally - especially when medical services cannot be accessed.

For these reasons I oppose any further housing development along the A34 or around the Wildwood Estate.

Yours faithfully

Rowena Webb

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