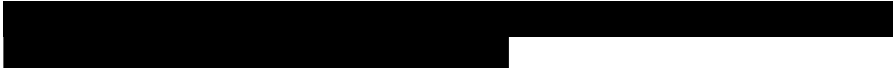


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Dear Sirs,

I wish to express my objection to the SSC's proposal to develop land north of Linthouse Lane.

When this land is used to successfully grow foods for either humans or animals is built on it is lost forever. Global issues in the future may well force this country into greater self sufficiency- what happens when there is not enough agricultural land?

I do not think that enough research has been carried out to establish the use of vacant office and retail space for residential purposes . These spaces already have infrastructure to sustain occupancy. I believe that greater incentives should be available to private developers to utilise these resources.

There remains huge areas of Brownfield within the Black Country that, following remediation, can be used for housing.

South Staffordshire's countryside should not be destroyed until all alternative avenues have been exhausted.

With regards to my locality, Essington, the creation of a green buffer (park) between the village and the proposed is not enough. What authority will manage it once the honeymoon period is over and funding is withdrawn, as, inevitably, it will be. I have witnessed the degradation of land to the point when the general consensus is " it would look better with houses on it". This is a gradual preconceived process that will ultimately lead to Essington being absorbed into Wolverhampton.

The infrastructure of Essington cannot stand up to the increase in volumes of traffic from the proposed. I do not agree with the planners belief that most traffic will turn towards Wolverhampton. The increase in traffic passing the Primary School will inevitably lead to a greater risk of accidents involving children. We already suffer from an extraordinary amount of through traffic at school travel times and a reluctance of SSC and Staffs County Council to address the problem.

Since the preparation of the Local Plan the Secretary of State, Michael Gove MP, has issued a statement saying that greater consideration should be given to the opinion of local residents, I believe that SSC are giving priority to the residents of Wolverhampton instead of the residents that pay their wages.

Yours faithfully
Paul Woolley

Sent from my iPhone