

# ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Mott

**OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 100 DWELLINGS, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, DRAINAGE AND HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE AND NEW CRICKET FACILITY, INCLUDING PAVILION BUILDING AND CAR PARKING ON LAND AT SK2731 3037 WILLINGTON ROAD, ETWALL**

Etwall Parish Council held a special meeting to discuss the above application, attended by 180 members of the public, all objecting to this application. In view of the strong public opinion, the Parish Council has decided to object to this application on the following grounds:-

1. Access

Traffic congestion/danger on Willington Road and Main Street is already unacceptable especially at school start and finish times. We have one of the largest secondary schools in the country with a large sixth form and its main access is in the centre of the village. The extra traffic that the new housing development would create will make the situation worse. There is no footpath at the bottom of Willington Road with its junction with Main Street. Cars parking along either side of Willington Road and Oaklands Road (there all day believed to be sixth form pupils) make it difficult for service buses etc. to get through therefore more traffic using this road will make it worse and more dangerous.

- (a) The alternative routes will be via Willington Road to Lawn Avenue to Burnaston Lane and then on to Main Street where there are no footpaths on Burnaston Lane and the visibility on to main street is poor.

- (b) The other route would be Willington Road Belfield Road onto Egginton Road. This is another blind /dangerous junction and numerous minor accidents have already occurred here. This is also a popular route for the primary school pupils to go to school and any additional traffic travelling this way will make it more dangerous.
- (c) As the Primary School is situated at the junction of Main Street and Egginton Road (not covered by Bloor homes traffic report) the traffic here is very bad as there are over 250 pupils and a large percentage of these come by transport as they live out of the village (even some locals use their cars to take the children to school). Traffic trying to find alternative routes out of the village will travel past the primary school making it more dangerous.
- (d) Frank Wickham Hall, Bowls Club and Pear Tree Court are situated at the top of Portland Street where the only access and egress is via Willington Road 50 yards from the junction with Main Street. This again has restricted visibility and no footpaths at all and this is made worse with cars parked on Willington Road (again not mentioned in the traffic report). Frank Wickham Hall is used for pre-school activities and by numerous other organisations during the day, evenings and weekends.
- (e) The Traffic Assessment Report has a large number of discrepancies/errors which are detailed as follows:-

Pages 12/3.3.4

- The street naming and locations are not correct Oaklands Road does not connect to Main Street
- Willington School is not in Etwall mean John Port?
- Access to swimming pool not been there for a number of years
- There is no footpath opposite the Post Office and Chip Shop on Willington Road

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- The report says 2 school buses. John Port alone has 27 contractually operated school bus services per day and there are also three service buses, not including what may go to the Primary School

These are a few of the discrepancies and I am sure any planner/councillor knowing this area will appreciate that the report is wrong and should be repeated to reflect a true picture before any decision is made.

- (f) In conclusion we feel that no decision should be made on this application until a complete accurate road survey has been carried out and a scheme agreed to solve the traffic problems in the centre of the village. It could be that an alternative route could be constructed to take traffic away from the centre of the village.

2 Surface Water

The developer has dealt with piped surface water ie. roads drives and roofs but does nothing to cover patios and hard landscaped areas as there are already problems with run off from the fields into neighbouring properties' gardens and this will only make flooding worse. What assurances can be given that the scheme suggested will not add to further problems with flooding of Etwall Brook?

3 Foul Drainage

We have major problems in the village with foul drainage on numerous occasions recently. We have had raw sewage running down Willington Road and also there has been similar problems on Belfield Road and Old Station Close which is next to the sewage works. As Severn Trent cannot cope with existing problems what assurances will be given to residents if further houses are to be built.

4 Mains Water

The water pressure is poor already in parts of the village, building further houses will make this worse, what assurances/guarantee will be given by South Staffs Water that this will improve?

5 Medical Facilities

With more houses being built in Hilton as well as the ones proposed in Etwall residents are concerned as it has taken some people moving into the village 12 months to be registered with a doctor as they had no availability and there are no assurances that things will improve.

6 Education

Both Etwall Primary School and John Port School are at capacity and with more properties being built in John Port catchment areas it will not only increase the number of pupils but also traffic movements into the village.

7 Cricket Ground

There is no requirement for a new cricket ground in the village as we already have one that has been in existence for over 100 years. Cricket Club members claim that they only require a longer lease to be granted by John Port Trust ( Repton School) to enable them to obtain a grant to upgrade their current facilities.

8 General

The proposed development is on a green field site (used for agriculture) and is outside the village framework.

The application is in outline only and not detailed and whilst it is included on the draft local plan there is no mention that access has to be from Willington Road and an alternative access should be sought.

We strongly OBJECT to this planning application for the reasons mentioned above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Gardner'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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