



Dear Sirs,

I am writing to complain, and **STRONGLY** object to the proposed new housing developments in the surrounding areas of Aston and Weston on Trent.

We moved to Weston-on Trent a few years ago for a better quality of life, and a more relaxed lifestyle. We moved to get away from new housing estates, new developments busy roads and traffic etc. I actively joined SAVE Aston and Weston prior to moving as I feel very strongly about this subject, and wanted to be sure there would be no further housing developments within the surrounding areas, ruining the beauty and tranquillity that is already there.

I feel that extending the existing boundaries of both of these villages will significantly and very negatively impact the area for a number of reasons:

There will obviously be a huge loss to wild and natural green space, farmland and a decline in wildlife and nature. We enjoy our commute through the rural fields and walking the areas, spotting wildlife with our young children. They are always looking for different animals and birds in the area, aswell as listening out for them, as are we. An increase in houses, roads and cars will reduce this. A peaceful and quiet space reduced stress levels, which is why we have moved there. A loss of natural habitats for wildlife will have a huge chain reaction. This is not just to be said for the local area, but the UK as a whole.

An increase in developments will also have a huge impact on the number of cars in the local area. This will contribute towards increased congestion, further wear and tear on the local roads, increased pollution and further reduced parking spaces. All of these are currently already a problem, especially on the main roads in both Aston and Weston. It's already hard enough to get out of the junction at Cuttle Brook, and can be extremely difficult at peak times. The same to be said for the main road and junction by the post office in Aston.

The house prices in the area are very likely to be affected with increased 'new' houses and increased developments. Both Aston and Weston are sought after small rural villages with history. They do not want to become swamped by more bricks and tarmac and grow in size! They need to keep their identities and character. How will the proposed new developments fit in with the local area, character and aesthetics?

In addition, further developments will contribute towards flooding, not just in and around the area, but as a whole with a loss of natural fields to soak away road and rainwater. How is this to be managed and maintained?

How do you plan to reduce the traffic and congestion, in particular at Cuttle Brook?

How do you plan to minimise parking issues in the centre of both villages, and ensure they don't become worsened?

Who are the houses for? Who are you housing any why? Do we not have enough brand new houses built by now? I've noticed a HUGE increase in the past 5 or 6 years. It's horrendous, the permanent loss of green space, wildlife and farmland.

Will there be social housing included?

In summary, I am very **STRONGLY** against any further housing developments in or around Aston and Weston. Our family and friends will be very upset and annoyed if this was to go ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

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Unknown.

1.

Should the Council produce a Local Plan Part 2 Review under the existing planning system, or should a single full Local Plan Review be undertaken under the new system? (please tick one option and provide a reason for your answer)

- ☒ Produce a Local Plan Part 2 Review under the existing system
- ☐ Produce a single Full Local Plan under the new system
- ☐ Other

Please enter any additional comments

Neither of these options are applicable to my opinion, as I am against future developments, in particular in the rural areas and countryside. There have been far too many already, and too much loss of vital green space. Too much permanent damage to the countryside is already done. When will it stop? There is no need to go over the minimum housing requirement as has been suggested. A clear visible 'plan' would be the preferred option, I just don't understand why all these houses, and all this permanent destruction is necessary?

A Local Plan Part 2 would therefore be the preferred option as to protect us (Aston/Weston) from unplanned developments within the local area.

2.

Where should the housing needs be met? (Please provide site details including projected delivery timescales and the specific need being met).

If absolutely necessary to continue building houses; couldn't you exercise the use of brown field sites and/or build nearer city or town centres. You could consider building where infrastructure is already there; for example build where shops, schools and services already exist to support developments. Build where road links are already supportive, and new developments aren't going to cause havoc and chaos. Avoid precious countryside and farmland. Leave precious countryside, biodiversity and small rural villages and their boundaries alone.

3.

Are there other mechanisms that the plan should consider to securing housing delivery in addition to allocating specific sites (e.g. identifying indicative broad locations/areas for future growth adjacent to existing settlements, extending settlement boundaries, supporting certain Changes of Use)? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

As above, however I am supportive of using brownfield sites, or those areas which won't affect the character of certain areas. For example, next to the A50. What about Willington power station site, or other dis-used industrial sites or those which have had or could have a change of use?!
Settlement boundaries around small rural villages should be maintained at all costs.

4.

Are there any other issues that the Council should consider when ensuring the timely delivery of the right homes in the right places (e.g. policy criteria for looked after children, re-allocating unimplemented employment allocations)? (Please provide an answer to your question)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

Infrastructure that can support the housing, i.e. schools, roads, drainage and sewerage, parking etc. Don't build in rural areas houses that aren't in-keeping with the surrounding areas and where significant green space will be lost.

5.

What specific accommodation needs should the Local Plan address through allocations (e.g. extra care accommodation for older people, care home provision for looked after children etc.)? (Please provide

details)

Accommodation for older people, yes.

6.

What could the Council do to speed up delivery on strategic allocations? (Please provide details)

Choose sensible sites for proposed housing developments! As already said, choose sites which don't affect people, villages and rural locations in a negative fashion. If areas for development were carefully selected which weren't having a negative impact on the local people and environment, then there would be less pushback and the entire process would be easier and quicker.

7.

Should the Council allocate land South of Mackworth for development within the plan period? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

Yes, if it takes the pressure off rural villages being targeted by developers, however I am not too familiar with the area proposed. Not if it uses vital green space and threatens small villages and suburban/rural areas.

8.

Are there other steps that the Council could take to accelerate housing delivery on other sites? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please enter any additional comments

What is the requirement to accelerate housing delivery? What are you going to do when there's nowhere left to build on?

9.

Do you agree that settlement boundaries should be drawn around the urban edge of Derby, Drakelow and Stanton and any new allocations?

(Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

Draw settlement boundaries and stick to them, boundaries are boundaries. They should not be broken, and developments outside of these boundaries in rural locations should not be allowed. Extending boundaries in rural locations should not be permitted where it will cause too much permanent damage and the infrastructure is not there to support.

10.

Do you agree with the principles for assessing the settlement

boundaries, as set out in Appendix 1? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

Yes to an extent, but I do not agree with pushing the boundaries or building outside of existing settlement boundaries, or extending them significantly.

11.

What issues regarding the settlement boundaries should the Council consider? (Please provide a comment)

Yes

Infrastructure – Is there sufficient to support proposed developments.

Schools – Is there one in place, can current schooling support the growth?

Shops – are there any shops locally, are there sufficient shopping facilities to support?

Road and transport links – Are these sufficient to support new developments?

Is lighting adequate enough? Are junctions and roundabouts suitable? Are traffic lights available and working? Are there pre-existing traffic problems.

Parking and congestion – As above.

Loss of green space – Simply do not consume and ruin any more of our countryside!

Loss of character of smaller villages and farmland – As above.

Loss of wildlife– As above.

Aston and Weston are both small villages, and therefore should remain as they are. I do not believe that Weston in particular should even be categorised as a local service village.

12.

Do you agree with the retail hierarchy? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please enter any additional comments

Aston's position is considered fair, where as I do not believe that Weston should be considered as it has no retail.

13.

Should the Council redefine the retail centre in Swadlincote as a commercial centre which would allow for a wider range of uses? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

N/A

14.

What issues regarding Swadlincote Town Centre redevelopment should the Council consider? (Please provide details)

N/A

15.

Should the Council define the boundaries of all of the retail areas within the District? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

It's essential to ensure that retail within South Derbyshire is fairly categorised across the district in line with the UK and other bylaws and rules based upon planning and proposed developments.

16.

Should the Council include a locally specific Green Belt policy (beyond the NPPF policy) that defines what appropriate development is within the context of 'disproportionate' and 'limited infilling'? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

Yes, a strict policy should be in place whereby greenbelt land is not, or very limited use for developments. Boundaries should be placed around existing settlements in greenbelt land. These boundaries should remain in place and not be broken.

17.

If you answered yes to question 16, what should the policy consider?

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Parking and congestion – As above.
Loss of green space – Simply do not consume and ruin any more of our countryside!
Loss of character of smaller villages and farmland – As above.
Loss of wildlife– As above.

18.

Should the Council undertake a Green Belt review with a specific objective of identifying what, if any, Grey Belt exists within the district? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

Yes, as already mentioned.

19.

What other sites and/or options should the Council consider for providing Gypsy and Traveller accommodation? (Please provide details)

N/A, however as a tax payer I personally do not understand this requirement, at all.

20.

Are there any other issues that the Council should consider when meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers? (Please provide details)

As above

21.

Are there any additional policies/other issues that the Local Plan should address? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please enter any additional comments

Unsure at this stage.

22.

Are there any amendments required to the existing policies to reflect implemented changes to national planning policy, policy guidance or Regulations? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

A clear strategy is necessary for how the supply of housing is managed is required, and how this directly applies to proposed developments. Rules on developments need to be made transparent.

Clear and concise green belt land rules need to be drawn up, implemented and adhered to.

Clear communication needs to be in place in relation to any developments, communication and/or hearing opportunities for all involved with relation to any local plans.

23.

Are there better/alternative mechanisms that the Council should use to secure the required infrastructure? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

Use pre-existing infrastructure, use suitable locations as aforementioned, use brown belt land wherever possible. Re-use buildings, industrial land or other where it can be used for housing developments if required.

24.

Where there is the potential need for long-term management / maintenance of open space, SUDS or other infrastructure, should the Council introduce a policy requiring these to be adopted by a public authority unless there is clear evidence that this is not feasible. (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

This management should be controlled by local councillors who fully understand the area, the needs of the local people and the infrastructure that is already there. As aforementioned, sewerage, drainage water and drainage systems.

25.

Do you have any further/additional comments? (Please provide details)

Who are all these proposed developments for, and why? Who exactly are you housing? Ageing population? Agreed, however surely not to the extent of these flat packed housing estates popping up almost every night. Affordable Housing? Why not locate this in affordable areas, rather than premium postcodes and precious countryside.

When will all these developments stop? Surely there has to be a limit to how long this permanent destruction of green space can go on for?

What are you going to do when there is nowhere else to build on? When all the countryside is gone? What about supporting UK farming?

Why is there a requirement for gypsy and traveller sites, funded by the tax payer?

What is your long term plan for proper water, sewerage and draining solutions?

What is your long term plan to combat flooding, which is worsening year by year. Agreed, this is due to a number of reasons but the primary reason is tarmac and tiles replacing green space and natural soak away land.

How do you propose to provide services, i.e. schools, shops, libraries, parks and doctors? A lot of which are already overwhelmed across the UK.

How do you propose developments in smaller village and rural spaces which are already struggling with traffic, noise, pollution, parking and congestion?