



Aston upon Trent Parish Council

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9/2017/0095 - OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO BE RESERVED) FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 150 DWELLINGS, LAND FOR A COMMUNITY BUILDING, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING AND SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEM (SuDS) AND VEHICULAR ACCESS POINT FROM WESTON ROAD ON LAND AT SK4129 0030 WESTON ROAD ASTON ON TRENT DERBY

Aston on Trent Parish Council writes to raise objections to the above application. Once again it is an application which seeks to join 2 parishes together.

- The main and most important objection from Aston on Trent Parish Council is that the proposed site would be outside the settlement boundary as designated in Local Plan Part 1 (adopted by full council on 13.6.16) and Draft Local Plan Part 2 (soon to be adopted). Local Plan 1 identifies that any building outside the settlement boundary in a key service village such as Aston on Trent should be limited to 25 dwellings. This application clearly places the proposed development outside both the current and proposed settlement boundaries of both villages
- At the time of application SDDC can demonstrate a 5 year housing supply
- The proposed development is located on agricultural land which currently separates Aston on Trent & Weston on Trent. These are two separate communities, with their own identity, church, schools and village events. Taking away this 'green field boundary' between the 2 villages is likely to create a once and for all significant change to both villages. Once the merger of

the two villages is established and visible to all, it will be not revisable

- The current bus service is not acceptable for an identified key service village with 1 bus per hour Mon – Sat and no service on Sunday or Bank Holidays. Any new development would bring with it an increase in vehicular use as there are no alternatives. Derbyshire County Council are also proposing to withdraw the early morning service which currently allows young people to attend Derby College
- Highways/traffic – the village currently struggles to cope with the volume of traffic passing down & parking along Weston Road. Any development will bring with it multiple vehicles per household thus increasing the volume of traffic within the village centre
- There are several misrepresentations within the application:
 - 'The village has good connectivity to trains, planes' - not with the existing bus service, only if you use a car.
 - We have 'specialist shops' – the only shops located within Aston on Trent are The Village Shop & the Post Office
 - There are 'several employment opportunities within the village' – there are few employment opportunities within the village
 - The area around Aston Hall is described as 'public land' – this is in no way accurate, Aston Hall is private land with no through access other than via a concessionary path to Willow Park Way
 - We have useful 'regular bus services' – there is 1 bus per hour and no service beyond 6pm/Sundays/Bank holidays
- School provision, both primary and secondary, is inadequate for a development of this size. None of the schools, either the village schools or Chellaston Academy, currently has the capacity to provide places for a significant number of children
- Despite 2/3 of the land being in the parish of Weston on Trent no efforts were made to deliver any consultation leaflets to Weston therefore a full and proper consultation of the 2 affected parishes has not taken place