

Dear Ms Thorby,

I wish to submit the following new evidence for the hearings please:

1 Matter 27 - Greenbelt -evidence of the FALSE statement made in NSDC'S Greenbelt report regarding the Dale Lane site was posted to Programme Officer Louise Cooper yesterday, proving no consideration, provision or safeguards regarding Greenbelt, with the decision to include Greenbelt being made on the basis of just 1 officer's FALSE statement about the site describing it as "lacking openness and prominence." The google map photos I posted clearly show the site is open, elevated and prominent. My own pic is attached - taken from Beech Ave - this shows the site is open on 3 sides. Google photos show it is prominent and elevated, being at the gateway to the village when approaching from the A614.

Please will you instruct NSDC to withdraw all Greenbelt until a proper, consistent and considered review of Greenbelt has been conducted across the District and in co-operation with neighbouring councils.

2 Matter 27 - Infrastructure - Blidworth roads/traffic. Following lobbying by Save Blidworth Village (SBV) the local MP commissioned a traffic survey in Blidworth in Oct 2012(the NSDC report included only 1 road in a village with several main artery roads, with no junction assessments - contrary to their own EWG experts' recommendations). Part of this survey is attached (SBV and Blidworth Parish Council will send a full copy) and shows that the main Threeways junction has, on average, almost 1300 vehicle movements an hour at peak times/ rush hour. Two hazards at this junction not shown on the map are tescos and Threeways garage. This junction is at the heart of Blidworth village, where Notts County Council surveys (faxed to Louise today) show traffic has increased by 22% in ten years. With a 10% increase in Blidworth housing stock proposed, mass development planned on the Rainworth (190 houses), Mansfield (1700) and Ravenshead (450) a proper, fully informed assessment of the roads infrastructure is needed. The NCC accident figures for Blidworth village (also faxed today) show 19 casualties in 3 years, with 6 of these being serious. None of this information has been requested from NCC by NSDC in this plan, showing a lack of duty of co-operation.

Please will you instruct NSDC to withdraw Blidworth's greenfield and Greenbelt sites until full assessments of the roads infrastructure have been carried out (including a junction assessment at Threeways) with risk assessments taking accident figures into account .

3 Matter 27 - Historical Environment - Blidworth Conservation area - several properties have been hit by vehicles in the conservation area with ancient stone walls and brickwork to old properties showing signs of erosion and damage due to the current heavy traffic use (photographic evidence will be brought to the hearings - my scanner has broken, sorry).

Please will you instruct NSDC to withdraw Blidworth's Greenbelt and greenfield sites until a Conservation Area assessment has been carried out by them.

The damage caused to life and property by traffic is already high in Blidworth. Lack of duty to co-operate with neighbouring councils has left this 'cut through' village vulnerable to the traffic from neighbouring developments passed/ planned, without its own Greenbelt and greenfield sites being included in the plan - thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Yours sincerely

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