



WE NEED YOU TO - PLEASE OBJECT AGAIN - EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE SO THE FIRST TIME ROUND LAST YEAR.

Gladman have now submitted a **revised** application for **Craythorne Road** to build 385 houses and to reserve space for a small 1 form entry (with the prospect of increasing to 2 form entry) Primary School.

We are **gravely concerned** that whilst the reduction in around 40 houses may reduce traffic slightly (although we calculate the potential for an additional **958** cars just from the development alone!) the potential Primary School will generate **even more traffic!** As this school is mainly required for the 500 houses they want to build on Harehedge Lane, well over the normal walking distance for Primary children to walk to school, the children will have to be **transported to and from school daily**. This will result in **an increase in traffic flow down Bitham Lane** and then onto the **Bridge Street junction** as people continue to work or into town once children are dropped off. In addition, they also state that some **Rolleston children** will be in the **catchment area** for this school and they expect 75% of them will **walk** down the dangerous Craythorne Road – a ludicrous deduction!

The proposal for a **new Secondary School at Lawns Farm** is over **6 miles away** from Stretton (fine for Branston & Outwoods Developments!) Our own Secondary School, **De Ferrers, is still full to bursting**, which may require any Secondary School children from developments in Stretton attending either Abbot Beyne or Lawns Farm, resulting in an increased traffic burden on Bitham Lane and Bridge Street – unacceptable and unsustainable!!

Gladman appears confident that they have an agreement with Staffordshire County Council that this revised application proposes no more traffic than their previous one?? They mention 'road improvements', which we believe includes making **The Green a two way road**. This is yet to be confirmed. It was made one way many years ago because of the dangerous junction. Many recent road traffic incidents around this area clearly highlight the ongoing road safety issues we face and making it 'two way' does not take into account the lack of visibility at the exit and evidences their extremely limited knowledge of our local roads in Stretton!!

The major concerns of the safety of the **A38 Claymills Junction have not been addressed**. We are aware that Highways England have indicated that they have some improvement ideas for this junction but we understand that there is no funding in place for this in the plan up to 2021 and indeed, there are no guarantees that any improvements will take place after that either!

Please also note that the revised application has also earmarked roads providing access to the **Golf course**- clearly signalling the **next area for development**.

WE NEED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE COUNCIL THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS APPLICATION IS SUSTAINABLE AND SHOULD BE REFUSED. WE ALSO NEED YOU TO OBJECT AGAIN AND IF YOU DID NOT OBJECT LAST TIME, PLEASE DO SO NOW.

We have arranged a public meeting on Tuesday the 9th June at the Priory Centre from 7.30pm - to answer any questions people may have.

Early next year the first new houses of the 300 to be built at Pirelli will be occupied. Detailed plans for the approved 100 houses off Guinevere Avenue and the approved 37 off St Marys Drive should be available soon.

At the recent Local Plan discussion, the Bridge Farm Partnership indicated that they would like to bring forward additional planning applications for their other 2 fields in Stretton. One field linking St Marys and Guinevere developments and adding another 80-90 houses with the possibility of a major new rat run through the estates and exiting opposite the school. The other field is between Craythorne Road and the Jinnie Trail. With the Golf Course also appearing in the Gladman document we will be facing total gridlock, dangerous rat runs and urban sprawl.

Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan

The ESBC Local Plan restarted examination in May 2015. SOS observed this meeting daily and the last action was the discussion around whether or not sites in Stretton should be added to the Plan. Graham Lamb for SOS spoke against Gladman as well as the 2 additional Bridge Farm Partnership fields.

The council's figures now demonstrate a 5 year housing supply. The Developers and Gladman are claiming however, that even more houses are needed and are challenging the expected build timelines shared by the council. They want the Inspector to decide that there is not a 5 year supply in order for them to continue to **exploit the loophole that enables them to push these applications through.**

The council have restated their figures, the developers have 2 weeks to give their evidence, then the council can respond and finally the Inspector will decide what the likely figures will actually be. If he believes that, on balance, there is a 5 year plan, whilst the Plan will need further modifications, it gains weight. This will allow the Planning Committee to make decisions on planning applications in relation to The Plan's strategy and areas of need.

The Stretton Neighbourhood Plan was reviewed by an Inspector, who then asked for significant changes to be made which limited the protection it gave to the Green Spaces and would allow developers to continue to push through their applications. It is now being rewritten to make it clear how much development is already approved in Stretton and why some Green Spaces need protection. It will need to go out for consultation again and after that we are hopeful that the Inspector will agree to the Green Space protection. If that is the case it will go for local referendum in the middle of 2015. The current state of the plan gives us some protection against land speculators and this will increase as it moves through the process.

Other Detail Applications

Graham Lamb, from Save our Stretton, spoke twice on the Pirelli detailed application to try to get some clarity on the traffic improvements. Whilst Staffordshire County Council have confirmed that there will be some roundabout improvements at the Princess Way roundabout; the original idea to **improve Wharf Road has been scrapped.** This concerns us as the outline application for a major retail space off Hawkins Lane has been approved, which will result in a much busier junction, making travel into town along this route a recurring nightmare. SOS will continue to lobby the County Council on this.

YOU CAN OBJECT BY :

- Going onto the planning application online, where you can input text data. You can find the application at <http://www2.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>. You will then need to search for **P/2014/00818.**
- Emailing dcsupport@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk quoting **P/2014/00818.**
- Writing to ESBC Planning, The Maltsters, Wetmore Road, Burton upon Trent, DE14 1LS.
- Completing the pro-forma we have created for you, by adding your name, address and your main areas of concern. You can then post this to ESBC at the above address or, leave them in our **Drop Box** at The Card Shop in the Precinct and we will forward them on your behalf. A service we provided last time, which was well used.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD. LOCALISM IS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE. STRETTON IS YOUR VILLAGE TOO AND YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.