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At the OFH1, Inspector Gorst requested clarification on who is represented by the Messing and Inworth Action Group Limited.

The Messing cum Inworth Parish Council covers the villages of Messing and Inworth and has an annual stipend of Â£26,000. It has an income of approximately Â£4,000. The total sum must run various services and facilities for the villages all year, as well as paying the PC Clerk â€” the rest are volunteers. the Parish Council could not contemplate spending the necessary sums to coordinate the input needed into the A12 Examination. Furthermore, the PC are legally constrained from certain types of activity, and cannot operate as a legally constituted company may.

MIAG was therefore formed as a limited by guarantee company with 6 founding directors as guarantors. Three of those founders are also members of the Parish Council. MIAG is a fundraising and campaigning organisation, whose sole purpose is to promote the interests of the villagers in campaigning against NH plans for Junction 24, and to champion the Main Alternative. MIAG has over 100 active supporters (many from email addresses that cover whole families), and our paper and online petition has over 420 signatures. We calculate that â€”passive' support exceeds 500 people. The total population of the two villages resides in 180 houses â€” we calculate therefore about 250 voting age adults.

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