

Burbage Parish Council

Written Representation Summary

Transport

Details in the Transport chapter (APP-117) are vague and obscure. The links are inadequately described. We have explained how this demonstrates our difficulty in having confidence in the modelling. Modelling suggests that traffic in Burbage is reduced, this is questioned. We have identified the key roads of concern. We ask for further modelling validation.

We raise the importance of clarity of information, examples have been given of inconsistencies.

We request that a sensitivity is carried out using the zones for Burbage & Hinckley for the daily modal traffic patterns.

More understanding of flows within the Burbage to/from the M69 Junction 2 is required.

We have concerns about traffic in Burbage, in the event of congestion. We request that disruption scenarios are modelled. We request that the route (B578) carries an HGV ban as part of the development scheme.

The traffic assessment is deficient due to public bus services (X55, 1 & 2) having been withdrawn.

Site Selection & Need

Assessment (APP113) of the site does not include the amenity value of Burbage Common and Woods. In the Ecology paragraph (4.117) we consider the distance of 600m to the SSSI is misleading.

We believe the justification for the need requires more specific need from industry.

Air Quality

It is stated that the impact on air quality, during construction, from traffic vehicle movements will be determined as 'not significant', being described as 'temporary'. Figures are required to substantiate the assessment. We have concerns about air quality for residents living in the Sapcote Road area of Burbage.

We have concerns about congestion at the M69/M1 junction, such that it can be envisaged that traffic leaving the site, will divert to the route across the Common.

Ecology

We highlight the importance of Burbage Woods and Aston Firs SSSI as an amenity for residents. Given the proximity of woodland to the development, we believe it have significant impact on the wellbeing of this area, both flora and fauna. This threat is from both the site and road link to Leicester Road, having an adverse effect. We disagree with the assessment "typically of negligible ecological importance". We believe that any mitigation to protect the ecological value of the area will have limited impact due to the poor assessment made.

Social Amenity

We disagree with the statement that the negative impact on the health and mental wellbeing of local residents "are not anticipated to be significant".

We are concerned about the area of accessible green space, provided to compensate for the loss, where there is no indication as to the quality of this new space. We reference a study which residents identify their favourite open space within the Borough, as Burbage Common.

Information on a health profiling, it is unclear where these profiles were undertaken. We believe has been concentrated on more rural areas rather than the key urban areas, which will be impacted.

Green Wedge

Burbage Common and Woods, are core to the 'Green Wedge' policy. A key objective being to preserve the identity and provide separation of settlements. We ask that the risk of the loss of separation is taken into consideration by the ExA.