

Response to E S C C Supplementary Note on Matter 6 {rep 2144/2} January 2015

It is disappointing that no actual or modelled figures were forwarded for areas to the east of Grange Road and especially Elphinstone Road Malvern Way and Ore Traffic Lights.

The Ridge [B2093] from Baldstow to Ore Traffic Lights is approximately 3 miles and is already heavily congested. There are no relief roads going north and all the proposed 527 sites in the D M P are to the south of The Ridge making access more difficult.

Along The Ridge there are three schools a fire station, church, cemetery, crematorium, industrial estates Sandhurst Recreation Ground, Conquest Hospital, St Annes House Ore traffic lights and the new Aldi in Rye Road. Recently built developments include Sea View, St Georges Lodge, Regelands, Sycamore Chase, Hastings Cottage and Hurst Court.

There is a speed limit of 30mph, therefore it should be possible to cover 3 miles in 6 minutes?

Accident reports along The Ridge should have been provided!

I totally refute the E S C C contention that there will be a reduction in traffic flows on the Ridge West with both the B H L R and Q G R in place. Traffic from the Ridge East wanting to get on to the A21 will be forced to go via the Ridge West and the diversionary route as will traffic from the A21 North to get on to the Ridge East. How can the numbers go down?

The suggestion that the proposed Q G R would perform the same function as the Highways Agency Baldstow Scheme is not correct.

SUMMARY	RIDGE EAST<HARROW LANE,HOSPITAL GRANGE RD>	RIDGE EAST
2028 modelled	26200	19600
2011 base flow	17800	12300
Additional traffic	8400	7300
Percentage increase	47.19%	59.34%
Growth/Ridge Developments	11.23%	12.19%
General& B H L R. Total	35.95%	47.15%

ESCC 2013 THERIDGE Movement and Access Improvements

This information should have been provided for the Inspector and Local People.

The report highlights CONGESTION in the following references,001to005 ,007,008,009,010,011,012,013,015,017,020,021,023, 024,025,026,027,029,030,031,032,054,056,057,058,059,060 and061

REF 005 Hillside Road Congestion

007Conquest Hospital/The Ridge roundabout,Peak traffic backs up as far as Ivyhouse Lane

008The Ridge/Maplehurst Road Congestion Close off Maplehurst Road from the Ridge/New slip roads from A21 to Ridge.

010A21/Junction road Congestion Signalise the junction at one or both ends of Junction Road.

028&024 Tight bends on The Ridge are dangerous for everyone eg Stonestile Lane/Chowns Hill

N B this is where the Sandrock site for 80 dwellings and two accesses on to the Ridge are

The Ridge/Elphinstone Road problems already exist, not the result of the BHLR

The New Homes target is 200 net new homes per annum. Between 2011 & 2028 the net new home target is 3400 homes.

The Inspector will be making decisions on the sites in the DMP and there will need to be a reconciliation of the numbers to relate to the New Homes Target.

The 10 questions in my email of the 15th January 2015 were to help finalise these numbers.

Questions 2 to 8 were regarding sites in the DMP and their present position, numbers and status.

Questions 9 & 10 were to establish which sites could or should have been included in the DMP as these figures would be a contingency figure.

In the Council's conclusions on the Soundness of the Plan it was stated that the Council in respect of

individual sites believe they will exceed the overall strategy figure by 15%. 15% on 3400 = 510 dwellings.

This means that Robsack, the sites around Speckled Wood, SH1 Land adjacent to Sandrock Park the Ridge, plus some others along The Ridge could be deleted. This plus the severe traffic problems on The Ridge will make the Plan

unsound.

The calculations for the Contingency of 15% and the answers to my questions 1 to 10 should be available

to the Inspector and the Local Representatives.

Regards
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