

Much Wenlock Transport Working Group – Report February 2021

1. Buildwas Power Station.

Shropshire Council has read the objections that have come their way, including from the Town Council, and rejected the Applicant's improvement schemes at the Gaskell Corner, in favour of a financial contribution; plus a contribution towards a Study into the impacts at the junction of all proposed developments in the area. (Cressage, Tasley etc)

On the 18 January 2021 the Applicant produced a further Highways report that seeks to reduce the forecast volume of traffic generated by the development and arriving at the Gaskell Corner. Coincidentally (or not), the applicant also states that they have agreed with Shropshire Council that they will provide a s106 payment equal to the cost of the junction improvements that they have proposed at the Gaskell Corner. However, these improvements have been, quite rightly, *rejected* by SC. So how can SC agree to a s106 payment which is based on an un-tested and rejected scheme? *The applicant should be told to produce a drawing of an improvement scheme at the Gaskell Corner that actually works, regardless of land-ownership issues and potential demolition. It is that scheme that should then be costed and form the basis of the s106 contribution.*

2. Shadwell Quarry

There is a significant increase in lodges/caravans from the permitted development levels at the quarry. This will result in increased traffic movements. - *Should the Applicant be requested to quantify what this increase will be and provide a contribution towards the mitigation of the impact?*

3. Callaughton Road Housing

This is a social-housing development, which suggests younger couples and young families. In a report from the Applicant's Highways consultant it is claimed that all the existing pedestrian routes are acceptable. However, the busy Bridgnorth Road crossing to the primary school is very low standard and has been subject to concerns locally. *Should this applicant be asked to provide a safety upgrade at the A458 crossing to the school?*

4. Sheinton Street Pedestrian Safety

What is the issue here? From observations it appears that if nobody (residents?) parked on the 'Keep Clear' road-markings, there would be plenty of space, visibility and opportunity for northbound drivers to pull in if a vehicle comes in the opposite direction. Should we be focused on ensuring the safety of pedestrians (including many school children) walking along the eastern footway? *The northern (A4169) section of Sheinton Street has black bollards installed along the pavement; should we try to have this extended along the southern section to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement, whilst still allowing access to drives?*

5. Much Wenlock Resident Transport Survey

What are the views on how/or whether this should take place? Do we, for example, contact all residents via the Wenlock Herald and other means to ask 4-5 questions on local transport? Should we also take the time to find out the details of the local businesses' transport issues?