

Email from Hockley Residents Association

You have invited comments from Respondents who attended the PE Hearings on the additional information you requested from the Council by 28 June 2010. This email to your Programme Office at RDC complies with that requirement.

I have read the additional information provided by the Council at your request and which was posted on the Council's Web Site on 12 June 2010. I was hoping that this would answer some of the questions that I raised at the hearings.. I am afraid that the additional information does not assist me in that respect.

I have looked through the Audit Trail and cannot find evidence that the Council has undertaken a comprehensive and detailed (in planning terms) comparative assessment of the impact of the CS Locations, in that they are identified for places of housing growth, in terms of the impact on green belt, the effect on the landscape and highways.

In particular, I raised with you my concerns about the lack of a comprehensive assessment in highway impact in terms of the overall, combined impact of the proposed developments on the entire highway network by cumulative effect. The additional information provided by the Council specifically on Transportation provide this necessary evidence. In November 2009, ECC Highways told us that they did not have traffic counts for the major roads in the district and the Audit Trail confirms that no measurements or modelling has been undertaken. The proposals and costings are therefore unreliable and the Core Strategy UNSOUND.

Regards

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