



TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

ESBC Local Plan - Position Statements



High Tower - Tutbury Castle

OVERALL SPATIAL STRATEGY
ISSUES 12 AND 14

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Position Statement – Infrastructure Provision

SP9 Infrastructure delivery and implementation, SP23 Green infrastructure, SP35 Accessibility and sustainable transport

Not Sound - justified or effective

1.0 In the discussion on hierarchy of tier one villages on day 1 it became apparent that the capacity and quality of their existing facilities had not been assessed, therefore their ability to support additional development is in doubt without additional infrastructure being provided.

1.1 The high level infrastructure delivery plan (C16) and the integrated transport strategy (C43) do not give sufficient information to provide confidence that problems won't arise. Any suggestion that policies should be cast at the strategic level should not be used to avoid creating effective policies to meet strategic objectives SO1 & SO3.

1.2 SP24 wishes to see `safe communities` but makes no mention of safe routes to school. It should be a priority that all school children can access school without fear of accident or exposure to other risks. Much of the housing proposed in the local plan is away from existing communities and will require parents to take their children to the school gate by car in ever increasing numbers. To not have a policy for safe routes to school is a serious omission from SP24. Policies SP9, SP23 and SP35 do not make specific provision for safe route either.

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Position Statement – Development Management Policies

(Part 4 Monitoring framework, SP28 Renewable and low energy carbon generation SP34 Health and Wellbeing,

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1.0 Monitoring framework

1.1 The parish council wishes to see clear monitoring statements on the progress of the local plan set against expected progress.

If the profile of need and planned house building numbers are to be adhered to monitoring must be more reliable than it has been in recent years. Even straightforward numbers such as how many houses have been built are unreliable and subject to regular `data cleansing`

1.2 Where monitoring is not readily quantifiable consideration should be given to how ESBC propose to manage a process it cannot measure. Tutbury has an historic environment and any design response to the setting, conservation and enhancement of such a precious heritage is an opinion not readily measured but vital to the maintenance of the village both now and into the future. Discretion, according to the local plan proposal, will be left to developers and planning officers rather than deference being given to parish council input via a specially trained conservation officer.

2.0 Health and Wellbeing

2.1 ESBC proposals for house building and commercial development will bring a marked deterioration in air quality at a time when local authority budget restrictions will not be able to provide infrastructure improvements to mitigate it.

2.2 Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) are proposed for all new development but they are limited to the health and wellbeing of users and occupiers. HIA`s which are limited to the health effect at each development do not meet parish council concerns about air pollution from extra traffic.

2.3 Problems caused by traffic build up at key points due to major house building will cause congestion at places such as Harehedge Lane and other adjacent roads where pupils, staff and parents of six schools congregate at peak hours. Hundreds of vehicles will be added as the surrounding housing sites develop, with few alternative routes other than the ones already in existence.

2.4 This concern is repeated in the parish council's response to SP28. Our request for air quality measures at key locations across East Staffordshire to test contamination levels for comparison with national standards is not site specific. It represents a desire to maintain an environment fit to live in. Such measures can be used to show whether pollution is getting worse and how that may relate to health issues such as asthma in children, bronchitis in the elderly and whether (or not) it relates to increases in development.

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