DONCASTER LOCAL PLAN

STATEMENT FROM BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL IN RELATION TO QUESTION 12.5 - MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

In support of the comments on the Doncaster Local Plan submitted by Blaxton Parish Council to Doncaster Borough Council on 30 September 2019 the Council wishes to add the following statement:-

Reinforcing the points made in our original submission, little has changed. Given the continued absence of accurate, up to date traffic base data for local roads, actual traffic flows should be measured as part of impact assessments when housing and industrial developments are proposed. This would inform the LPA of the impact of developments on the rural road infrastructure and provide an improved basis for judging the effect of developments on the amenity of the area and the quality of life of residents. The existing infrastructure is in poor condition, narrow in many places to the extent that large HGVs often slow to a crawl as they travel in opposite directions along the highways. Residents suffer from noise and exhaust pollution and vibration.

In addition, there are many proposed quarrying, housing and commercial developments in the area which is rich in mineral resources and close to major road networks (M18, A1M, M1, M62 and M180). It seems fitting that developers take responsibility for upgrading the local road network to allow access these major routes without causing major inconvenience to the local communities who rely on the rural road network to travel to work, shops, schools, and leisure facilities; all of which have been made more difficult and time consuming in recent times.

Original statement on Local Plan shown below for reference:-

At its meeting on 19 September 2019 the Parish Council decided that no objection should be raised in respect of the draft Local Plan for 2015 – 2035 but, that the Clerk be requested to register the Council’s concerns about the absence of meaningful traffic impact assessments when developments are considered because:-

- there is no reliable, or current, base data for traffic movements on A, B and classified unnumbered roads which makes meaningful assessment impossible

- traffic impact assessments are only ever undertaken within the immediate area of a proposed development by developers’ contractors

- traffic impact assessments ignore the impact of developments on the road network in communities near to proposed developments

- traffic impact assessments do not take account of the loss of amenity in nearby communities

It is requested that consideration be given to requiring more meaningful traffic impact assessments in future so that the effects on the local road network and communities are properly considered and any Section 106 financial considerations are applied to the affected communities in consultation with the Parish Council(s) in the area.

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