

Stafford Borough Council Local Plan Examination
Hearing Sessions
Homework List

Council Response

Correct regarding WDR re: cost in Fig. 4 M117

Following information from Staffordshire County Council a number of amendments are proposed to Appendix D within the Plan for Stafford Borough as follows:

Stafford Town North Infrastructure Requirements

Insert the following words under the 'Requirements' column to replace the current wording:

"Highway capacity improvements, either through or around the perimeter of the site, or along Beaconside, will be required North of Stafford. Enhanced bus services and improved bus reliability, through bus priority, will be required along the A34 between the site and the town centre as well as real time bus passenger information, increased frequency of existing and new bus services;"

Cycle and walking links to connect to the existing and proposed Borough wide, and national, cycle and walking routes to the town centre and other key destinations.

~~New or enhanced bus routes~~

~~Package of improvements along A513 Beaconside~~

Within the 'Capital Cost' column insert '**TBC**' and delete '£7.3m'

Stafford Town West Infrastructure Requirements

Amend Policy Stafford 3 – West of Stafford, criterion xvi, to read as follows:

"Link from Martin Drive spine road to Doxey Road with **potential** upgrade to railway bridge required for the development west of Stafford ..."

Amend the following words within the 'Requirements' column to read as follows, based on FAM117 within the Schedule of Additional (minor) Modifications (A26):

"Link from Martin Drive spine road to Doxey Road with potential upgrade to railway bridge required for the development west of Stafford as part of the Stafford Western Access Improvements, together with new or enhanced bus routes as well as cycling & walking links to existing routes to the town centre and other key destinations.

The Stafford Western Access Road is required to deliver the full development requirements for Stafford town, to be completed in three five sections:

Section A: Foregate Street to Timberfields Road / Doxey Road

Section B: Along Doxey Road from Timberfields Road including a **potential** upgrade of the West Coast Main Line rail bridge

Section C: Doxey Road (west of rail bridge) to Martin Drive

1. Spine Road
2. The link from Martin Drive spine road to Doxey Road (adjacent to the railway line).
3. A limited upgrade to the railway bridge link.
4. The link from the bridge to the junction of Doxey Road and Pans Drive.
5. Link from the Doxey Road / Pans Drive junction to A34.

400 homes (significantly higher than 5 year allocation) can be developed prior to completion of section C 2 from Doxey Road to Martin Drive.

Network Rail has identified 2017 as a window of opportunity for upgrade to railway bridge as it would correspond to planned works on West Coast Mainline.

A number of key parties are responsible for delivering the whole length of the Western Access Route as part of the Western Access Improvements, which will benefit the wider Stafford Town area”

Within the ‘Capital Cost’ column insert the following words to replace S1 to S5 text:

“The 2013 initial estimate for highway improvements to each section is set out below:

Section A: **£26m** £28.96m
Section B: **TBC** £10.8m
Section C: **£5m** £7.2m

Stafford Town East Infrastructure Requirements

Insert the following words under the ‘Requirements’ column to replace the current wording:

“The Eastern Access Improvements is a package of complementary sustainable transport measures and highway infrastructure to be funded through a combination of public funds and developer contributions. Developers in the East of Stafford will be required to provide the Eastern Distributor Road between Beaconside and St. Thomas Lane, sustainable transport access, potential highway capacity improvements and traffic management measures along Beaconside and Weston Road. Public funds will contribute towards further sustainable transport measures

including the Baswich Walking and Cycling route between Baswich Lane and Weston Road, bus service enhancements, including real time bus passenger information, and potential highway capacity improvements along Baswich Lane.

Two highway infrastructure improvements are included within the Eastern Access Improvements as set out below:

Section 1: Construction of the Eastern Distributor Road from Beaconside to St Thomas' Lane and the Tixall Road / Blackheath Lane signal junction upgrade

Section 2: Construction of a new roundabout at Blackheath Lane and Weston Road as a junction improvement"

~~Improvements required to the A513 Beaconside Road / A518 Weston Road roundabout will be delivered Transport through s106 / s278 agreements with the developer of the parcel between Weston Road and Baswich Lane road bridge at St Thomas', providing the principal access into the development site~~

~~A number of improvements have been identified but none considered essential to bring forward development. These comprise:~~

~~Potential capacity and safety improvements to Baswich Lane (St Thomas' Lane); Baswich Walking and Cycling link over the River Sow~~

~~Within the 'Capital Cost' column delete 'N/A' and insert the following wording:~~

"The 2013 initial estimate for highway improvements to each section is set out below:

Section 1: Up to £7.5m

Section 2: £2.5m"

Stone Town West and South Infrastructure Requirements

Insert the following words under the 'Requirements' column to replace the current wording:

"An access, transport and travel plan strategy for the Strategic Development Location that maximises travel and accessibility by non-car transport modes via safe, attractive and conveniently designed street, pedestrian and cycling connections within the development and to Stone town centre, nearby existing and new employment areas. The strategy shall identify access points to the site and between the site and the existing settlement. It shall also identify construction access arrangements that do not disrupt existing residents and improvements to transport capacity along the B5026 Eccleshall Road, and at the A34 roundabouts"

~~Local highway improvements and enhancements of the A34 roundabouts, the A34 / A51 roundabout and the B5026 Eccleshall Road~~

Within the 'Capital Cost' column insert '**TBC**' and delete 'N/A'