

CABINET - 23 MARCH 2021**AGENDA ITEM 13 - RESPONSE TO THE BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL NEW
LOCAL PLAN OPTIONS CONSULTATION****COMMENTS FROM MR. D. C. BILL MBE, CC**

Mr. D.C. Bill MBE CC has asked that his email below is submitted to the Cabinet -

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From: David Bill

Sent: 22 March 2021 15:22

To: 'ann.carruthers@leics.gov.uk'

Subject: FW: County Cabinet - Blaby Local Plan

Ann

I will be sending this message to the County Cabinet meeting tomorrow but I would appreciate a detailed response to the points I wish to raise.

As you are aware I have been opposed to the concept of the A46 Expressway skirting around the City and emerging at junction 2 of the M69 from the outset, a view shared by many people in the south and east of the County. I am therefore disappointed that such emphasis is made of this proposal, even if it is slightly watered down, in paragraphs 15,16,18,57 and 61 of your response to the Blaby Local Plan.

In November 2018 this proposal was considered by Midlands Connect which is driving the concept of an improved coast to coast A46 and the conclusions reached by that body in relation to the eastern and southern road were a number of serious objections including that it would

- be close to several scheduled monuments
- could intersect Burbage Wood and Aston Firs SSSI
- be close to Narborough Bog SSSI
- intersect Kilby-Foxton Canal SSSI
- intersect numerous floodplains and brooks
- impact on Sapcote and Broughton Astley
- result in the need for extensive engineering works including at least 19 new bridges and 2 railway crossings
- have a significantly adverse impact on the local landscape.

These are not my words. They are the conclusions reached by the bodies which directly advise the Government. It is worth noting that the situation as outlined in these objections will still be the case even with a watered down version of a new road .

It will of course be down to people in Harborough and Blaby to decide whether to support this proposal but here in Hinckley & Bosworth I have to once again point out our concerns that if any new road emerges on to junction 2 of the M69 it will inevitably drive more traffic along Sapcote Road, Leicester Road, Brookside and Coventry Road. Signposting is fine but whenever anything happens on the M69 and A5 it all comes through here and therefore we urge you and your colleagues to think again and abandon this scheme.

Regards

David

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