



KINGS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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To:
Mr Mark Deaville,
Staffordshire County Council,
Cabinet Office,
2 Staffordshire Place,
Tipping St,
Stafford,
ST16 2DH.

Dear Mr. Deaville,

Re: A515 No Longer Fit for Purpose.

The three Parish Councils of Kings Bromley, Yoxall and Draycott in the Clay are united in their desire to eliminate the heavy goods traffic that is blighting their villages. Traffic through the villages has, in recent years, increased in size and quantity. Also, we consider that the expansion of Fradley Industrial Estate, HS2 traffic and the prospect of more quarrying will only exacerbate the problem up to a projected 2500 HCV vehicle movements PER DAY!

At the A515/ A513 junction in Kings Bromley (designed in 1922) HCVs cannot turn without crossing into the on-coming traffic, stopping this traffic and mounting the footways.

The effect of HCV traffic on the quality of life in the villages is unacceptable. Residents suffer sleep deprivation, continuous noise, vibration, air pollution and damage to their homes. There are a number of narrow footways within the villages and this causes huge concern particularly when parents are walking their children to and from school.

In a petition presented to the sub group of the Prosperous Staffordshire Committee which looked at the issues as far back as April 2015, the view of residents was made quite clear in a petition for a weight limit signed by 963 residents in Kings Bromley and 1853 in Yoxall. The A515 is unfit for this type and size of HCV traffic which does

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use it currently. At three pinch points in Yoxall HCVs cannot pass each other without mounting the footway. The churchyard wall in Yoxall has been twice knocked down by HCVs and the traffic lights in Kings Bromley have been demolished twice by HCVs in a period of two years.

In October 2016 noise readings in dwellings were taken in all three villages and found to be far in excess of levels permitted in the workplace and well above European standards for domestic properties.

The parish councils believe that a 7.5 tonne weight limit is the only solution to this problem and believe it to be the cheapest option. It is accepted that farm vehicles and larger vehicles delivering to and picking up from premises along the A515 need to be exempted as does traffic diverted from the A38 at times when accidents occur or road works are being carried out. At other times HVCs should be made to use the preferred routes – the A50TR, A38TR and A51. We are yet to hear a convincing reason why a weight limit cannot be introduced as the aforementioned roads provide a perfectly acceptable alternative.

The parish councils believe that a 7.5 tonne weight limit would have absolutely no impact on the prosperity of the county or the profitability of businesses within it. We also believe that the County Council would save substantial sums in repairs to the roads, footways, kerbs, ironwork and traffic lights along the routes and auxiliary roads used by heavy lorries. These savings would pay for the cost of imposing the weight limit.

The parish councils necessitate that action is taken immediately and that the Freight and Community Forum's first priority should be to make a decision and implement a weight restriction on the A515 between Stubby Lane, Draycott in the Clay and Woodend Lane, Kings Bromley. The original petition was registered on 11th May 2015 and the presentations to the Sub Committee of the Prosperous Staffordshire Committee chaired by David Loades were made on 20th October and 10th November 2015. On 10th May 2016 we met with David Loades who told us that a decision would be made within six months by Mark Deaville. As of today, almost two years later, we still have no decision. After such a long period of apparent inactivity our residents are now pushing for action. As the Council member for Transport you know well from the letters and emails you now receive on a daily basis that residents are now losing patience with the County Council and are demanding a media campaign involving press, radio and TV using their own contacts. The control of the campaign will then be out of the hands of the parish councils.

In October 2016 it was suggested that you consider an overnight weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes for a period of at least six months from 9pm to 9am the following morning allowing parents to take children to school unhindered. This would give the opportunity for hauliers etc. to see the effects of the restriction and could be used as a basis for a final decision.


Of the 931 heavy vehicles that pass through Kings Bromley's cross roads in 24 hours, if a night weight restriction were taken out it would lose 398 vehicles travelling through at night. 342 of these would have passed through Yoxall as well. If the overnight ban were adopted then many of the problems residents have would also

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disappear overnight! Health would improve and pressure would be taken off the County Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Colclough', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Mr. I. Colclough.
PP. Allan Howard, Chairman of Kings Bromley Parish Council.