

Kings Bromley Parish Council - HS2 Petition

1. Closure of Common Lane and the impact of increased traffic on Crawley Lane.

Objection:

Ref: CT – 05 - 202

- The proposed closure of Common Lane will have a dangerous and detrimental effect on the Village of Kings Bromley and its surrounding area.
- It will significantly increase the amount of traffic - particularly farm traffic and 40 tonne articulated lorries serving the local farms and small businesses - which will have to use Crawley Lane. This will take all traffic past the Richard Crosse Primary School creating a safety problem and potentially putting lives at risk. The road is narrow and has difficulty coping with the traffic now without the significant increase which would result from this proposal.
- We understand that the School is looking to build an extra classroom and make alterations to its grounds. This will cause additional congestion whilst the construction work is in progress.
- There is also the potential that there will be an increase in the number of pupils attending the school which will create more congestion and parking issues.
- It would have an adverse impact on businesses in the area both large and small because of access to their premises being blocked off and having to find alternative routes.
- This problem has been made worse recently with vehicles, including HGV's parking in Crawley Lane to use the new Co-op Store.
- Parents use Common Lane to take their children to school. Closing this route will inevitably cause increased congestion at the Crawley Lane/A515 junction especially now the entrance to the Co-op and pub car park is adjacent to this.
- As well as vehicles, cyclists, runners and walkers use Common Lane as part of the only circular route around Kings Bromley. Its loss would be a serious loss of a valued amenity.
- The 100 year old Kings Bromley Show uses Crawley Lane as an entrance to the

Show Field and Common Lane as an exit. Using Crawley Lane as both an entrance and exit will cause significant congestion.

Resolution:

- The Parish Council fully supports the proposal put forward by Staffordshire County Council that Common Lane is diverted to go underneath the HS2 proposed viaduct at the end of the Embankment **Ref: CT – 05 – 202 Grid Reference E5.**
- This will alleviate all the objections outlined above and help maintain the Villages' amenities and residents' quality of life.
- The most recent idea put forward by the HS2 Engineers is to provide 'Accommodation Access' only. This entails 'gated access' to this part of Common Lane. This idea is completely unacceptable to Kings Bromley Parish Council and the local businesses and landowners since it goes nowhere near dealing with the objections outlined above.

2. Proposal to establish 4 Borrow Pits.

Objection:

Ref: CT - 05 - 201 and CT - 05- 202

- The Parish Council objects strongly to using 68 hectares of good, Grade 2, agricultural land to establish 4 borrow pits to quarry for sand and gravel for HS2 construction work
- This will blight the landscape for years to come.
- It is proposed to fill these Borrow Pits in with 'Mercian Marl' when quarrying is complete. Experience has shown that it takes a minimum of 20 years for the land to become as productive as it was before quarrying commenced.
- It will have an impact on the already high-water table, potentially increasing the likelihood of flooding and adding to drainage problems.
- The Parish Council questions how much aggregate (in tonnes) is going to be required to be extracted from these borrow pits.

Resolution

- Maximise the use of existing quarries before opening new ones.
- Staffordshire County Council has an existing Aggregate Plan and it is proposed that any future quarrying should be limited to this plan.

3. Height of Viaduct

Objection:

Ref: CT - 05 - 202

- The Parish Council strongly believes that the Viaduct height should be kept to a minimum. The proposed height is around 17 to 18 metres plus the height of 8.5 – 10 metres of electrification gantries. This will have a major visual impact on the surrounding area.
- The lower the embankment and viaduct is, the less amount of aggregate will have to be quarried from the proposed Borrow Pits.

Resolution

- HS2 Engineers work closely with the County Council to ensure that the height of the Viaduct is kept to a minimum.

4. Traffic Management

Objection

Ref: CT - 05 - 202 - R1

- Particularly during the Construction Phase, the Parish Council is very concerned about the increased amount of traffic using the A513 and A515 through the village. Even before work commences, the Village experiences significant traffic problems, particularly when there are problems on the A38.

Resolution

- All HS2 traffic should be prohibited from using the A513 Alrewas Road and should only use the Haul Roads to link up with the A515.
- No HS2 construction traffic should be allowed to travel along the A515 from the A50/Ashbourne direction.
- **‘No HS2 Vehicles Beyond This Point’** notices should be put up at both entrances to the village.
- All HS2 vehicles - Company owned or Contractors - should be adequately signed to identify them.
- An adequate disciplinary procedure included in the COCP should be inserted to ensure compliance.

5. Overhead Power Lines

Objection

Ref: From CT - 05 - 202 Grid Ref E5 to CT - 05 - 202 - R2 Grid Ref E5

- As part of the plan, HS2 will need to make changes to the overhead power lines to the north of the village. Some villagers have already been notified that some of their land may temporarily be needed to make these changes.
- The pylons have been a blot on the village landscape for many years, and the Parish Council sees this as a golden opportunity to bury the power lines underground to remove this once and for all.

Resolution:

- HS2 to work with National Grid to remove the pylons and put the power lines underground prior to the construction work taking place.

6. Pyford Brook Viaduct Satellite Compound

Objection:

Ref: CT - 05 - 201 Grid F6

- The proposed location of this satellite compound is in the opinion of the Parish Council the wrong side of the proposed railway line.
- Its proposed location will have a great impact on the owners of Woodend Farm with effects on traffic, security, trespass, noise light and dust pollution.
- Concern is also raised on the access to the compound as it appears that the use of the residents/landowners private driveway/track would also require to be used.
- The location will undoubtedly have a great detrimental effect to the landowners' agricultural business and quality of life.

Resolution:

- The Parish Council fully supports the relocation of the satellite compound to the north side of the line to an area within **Grid Reference E4 or F4**.
- This support is given on the grounds that there is sufficient land take to accommodate the compound and would help to alleviate the issues raised above in the objection to traffic, security, noise, light and dust pollution.
- There is a proposed haul road along the north side of the line, so it could be utilised to accommodate access to the compound.
- It would also help the residents of Woodend Farm to retain the quality of life to which they have become accustomed.

7. Pyford North Embankment Satellite Compound

Objection:

Ref: CT - 05 - 202 - Grid G6

- In the opinion of the Parish Council, the location of this satellite compound should not be located as shown in the **ES Volume 2 Map Book** since this will have a detrimental effect on the residents/owners of the Kings Bromley Cattery situated in Common Lane particularly in relation to traffic, security, trespass and noise, light and dust pollution.
- The ES indicates that there will be a large amount of contractor's vehicles using Common Lane to access the compound over a long period of time and this would make it impossible for the owners of Kings Bromley Cattery to continue their business.
- The use of this section of Common Lane by HS2 Contractors would also have a large impact on the residents/landowners of Woodend Farm whose access is also off Common Lane.

Resolution:

- The Parish Council would suggest the relocation of the satellite site to an area within **Grid Reference F6**, with the material stock-pile relocated to the original compound location.
- The relocation of the compound to **Grid Reference F6** would help alleviate the impact of noise, traffic pollution etc. raised in the objections above and allow the Cattery to continue with their business as the traffic issue would be eliminated. It would also allow the residents/business owners to retain the quality of life to which they have become accustomed.

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