

SCHOOLS & SERVICES – KEY ISSUES

Quick Summary

- Local schools are already under pressure
- GP services are struggling to meet demand
- No clear infrastructure plan to support growth
- New development will significantly increase demand
- Future provision is uncertain and not guaranteed

1. School Capacity is Already Stretched

- Typical pupil yield: ~30 children per 100 homes
- 550 homes = approx. 165+ pupils
- With other developments → over 200 additional pupils
- No clear confirmation of available local school places

Evidence: FOI 10847 (Leicestershire County Council education response)

2. Lack of Clear Capacity Data

- Authorities rely on 'net capacity' figures
- No clear disclosure of actual available places
- Future projections not fully shared
- Residents cannot verify true capacity

Evidence: FOI follow-up requests highlighting lack of detailed data

3. Healthcare Services Under Pressure

- Local GP practices already report high demand
- Residents experience long wait times
- Same-day appointments difficult to obtain
- Additional population will increase pressure further

Evidence: NHS/ICB consultation responses and planning evidence

4. No Guaranteed Delivery of Services

- Infrastructure often promised but not delivered upfront
- Reliance on future S106 contributions
- Timing of delivery unclear
- Services may lag behind population growth

Evidence: Planning policy responses and consultation findings

5. Cumulative Impact Not Fully Assessed

- Multiple developments planned in Broughton Astley
- All increase demand on the same services
- Combined impact exceeds individual assessments
- No clear joined-up infrastructure plan

Why This Matters

- Development must be supported by adequate infrastructure
- Services must be available when residents move in
- Planning decisions must be based on real capacity
- Failure to provide services impacts quality of life

Example Objection

I object to this development due to insufficient provision for schools and local services. Evidence from FOI 10847 confirms significant additional pupil demand with no clear plan to meet it. Healthcare services are already under pressure, and there is no guaranteed delivery of supporting infrastructure. This development is not supported by adequate services and risks placing unsustainable pressure on the local community.