

TRAFFIC & ACCESS – KEY ISSUES

Quick Summary

- Local roads already experience congestion
- School traffic creates daily pressure on the network
- Accident data shows existing safety risks
- Access arrangements for new development remain unclear
- Additional homes will significantly increase traffic volumes

1. Existing Congestion is Already Severe

- Main Street and Station Road regularly congested
- School drop-off and pick-up times create bottlenecks
- Narrow roads and parked cars restrict flow
- Emergency access can be impacted during peak times

Evidence: Resident reports, local observations, planning objections

2. Road Safety Concerns (Accident Data)

- 44 reported road traffic accidents in the parish over 9 years
- Includes pedestrian, cyclist, and child-related incidents
- Many incidents likely go unreported
- Existing network already presents safety risks

Evidence: Leicestershire County Council accident statistics (FOI data)

3. Impact of 550 Homes on Traffic

- 550 homes could generate hundreds of additional vehicle movements daily
- Increased congestion at already stressed junctions
- Greater risk to pedestrians and school children
- Construction traffic adds further short-term pressure

4. Access and Route Uncertainty

- Final access routes are not fully detailed

- Construction traffic management unclear
- Potential impacts on rural roads and residential streets
- Uncertainty creates risk for safety and congestion

5. Cumulative Traffic Impact

- Multiple developments planned in Broughton Astley
- All contribute to the same road network
- Combined traffic impact not fully assessed
- Infrastructure improvements not clearly delivered

Why This Matters

- Development must provide safe and suitable access
- Transport impacts must be properly assessed
- Road safety must not be compromised
- Infrastructure must support increased demand

Example Objection

I object to this development due to traffic and access concerns. Evidence shows existing congestion, road safety issues supported by accident data, and unclear access arrangements. The addition of 550 homes will significantly increase traffic on an already stressed network, creating further congestion and safety risks. This development is not supported by adequate transport infrastructure.