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The following is a comment on application 'P171532/O' by 'David Williams'

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment:

I object to this planning application as I disagree strongly with the conclusions drawn in regard to the access proposed for this development. In the Environmental NTS (11.1) the options for access are ill-considered. Should the single carriageway Bromyard road route into Ledbury be obstructed by any variety of unforeseen events or accidents potentially 1000+ people and 800+ vehicles would be trapped ! Is it not therefore incumbent upon developers to provide a linked vehicular access route through the site (North-South) to insure against this eventuality ? Hence I believe option 3 for transport has been too readily rejected without adequate enquiry and research. Furthermore I disagree with conclusions in NTS 11.3 : There is only a single ,narrow (and currently poorly surfaced) footpath beneath the Bromyard Road Railway bridge and the anticipated increase in pedestrian usage is likely to be associated with delay and perhaps added risk to those using this route into Ledbury. I believe driver delay both southbound and northbound on the Bromyard road is likely to be far more significant than stated. In the Transportation survey and report BWB consultants consider the issue of "rat runs". From the perspective of a Wellington Heath resident, the greatest concern is the potential for the Viaduct Site Bromyard road access to result, at peak times, in a marked increase in the use of Beggars Ash as short cut through to the A449 Malvern Road via Petty France and Colwall. This road is narrow and is well used by pedestrians without the benefit of a footpath . There would potentially be an increased accident risk. BWB's report (4.15 to 4.23) considers only routes to the A4103 Worcester Road which no sane person would attempt to drive to via Wellington Heath ! Finally Burtons Lane to Wellington Heath and the A449 , a definite rat-run option ,does not even get a mention in the transportation report. In summary , I have no confidence in this application or the veracity of supporting documents and I restate my objection to it. I believe that a fully independent Transportation/Traffic survey is essential for the proper assessment of the access options.

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