

Response to consultation on housing

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Ruddington Parish Council has a major concern about the conurbation coalescing with Ruddington. It is important that Ruddington retains and protects a separate identity. There are also concerns about the impact of nearby developments, especially the increase in traffic on already crowded roads.

Ruddington Parish Council opposes the proposed extension to the Sharphill development – and has concerns of West Bridgford growing into Ruddington.

Smaller villages were not assessed in the Tribal study as ‘the transport is inadequate for expansion’. With a half hourly bus service this assertion is challenged. A small amount of building in some of the smaller villages may keep them more viable e.g. improving trade in local shops. The whole approach of just adding to existing large centres is wrong.

Developments from all 3 areas being consulted on will have an impact on traffic in Ruddington and on Ruddington residents as they travel to and from the village. Measures are needed to alleviate the impact of extra traffic:

- Junction improvements at the Nottingham Knight.
- Junction improvements on the A60 at the junctions with Ashworth Avenue, Easthorpe Street and Kirk Lane.
- Improvements to the junction of Clifton Road and Wilford Road.
- Bus priority measures at the Nottingham Knight.
- Traffic calming measures (NOT humps) in the centre of Ruddington.
- Improvements to the ring road and the dualling of the A52 by Edwalton.
- A ‘Park and Ride’ on or near the Ruddington Business Park. This would reduce traffic from there to the City and reduce parking in Ruddington centre. This is critical in addressing these issues.

Concern was expressed about creating of rat run from A453 through proposed new estate south of Clifton, onto Nottingham Road into Clifton and then onto Ruddington -see map on page 10 indicating a potential vehicular route. The Parish Council would like to see measures to alleviate/prevent this.

Inspectors on previous occasions have said that Ruddington has limited potential for further development. Ruddington Parish Council would like the suggested number of new dwellings for Ruddington (250) to be reduced to 150.

The Parish Council is concerned about proposals to build on Edwalton Golf Course. This would mean a reduction of sports facilities. How would this be replaced?

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