

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MASTERPLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE



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Halberton Parish Council has carefully considered the options of the Tiverton Urban Extension and responds as follows. (HPC = Halberton Parish Council)

HPC totally rejects the notion that 1,000 houses could be built using only the Blundells Road as access. This would lead to gridlock within the village, as recently seen when part of the A361 was closed for road repairs. The amount of additional lorry traffic for the development period would blight the lives of all the inhabitants of Halberton High Street as well as causing structural damage to property. The additional traffic created, as parts of the development are either sold or let would further exacerbate the problem as Halberton would be used as the major arterial route to Junctions 27 or 28 (the alternative being Horsden which would also be grid locked).

HPC is most emphatic and must insist, especially during the development stage, that provision is made for a site traffic only temporary junction, created off the A361, close to the proposed 'purple junction', to allow for all heavy equipment needed and building material deliveries, to be routed into the development.

HPC would most strongly request that both the proposed 'purple junction' and 'red route B' be prioritised as soon as possible.

HPC also has grave concerns as to the number of new houses being proposed, which unless the school building programme is also prioritised then our existing schools including Halberton Primary School would be overwhelmed.

HPC welcomes the lower density of housing and the green areas etc. as indicated in our response to the Key Environmental Issues, previously replied to.

HPC would draw to your attention the requirement for an additional new footpath. We have been in discussion with Tiverton Town Council for the provision of a footpath to link Post Hill with the Swing Bridge on the Grand Western Canal. This would provide a wonderful leisure facility especially for the new development. However we have run into difficulties in the area of the Golf Club which we believe could be overcome if this new footpath became part of the Master plan. We therefore request that you investigate the possibility of this provision during your consultation period.

HPC members welcomed the fact that MDDC visited Halberton twice in May which gave our parishioners a chance to discuss the proposals. However we were also disappointed to discover that none of the display boards made any reference whatsoever to Halberton.

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