

I am the Chair of Brafield on the Green Parish Council. At our last meeting in September we saw a map which suggested that an approved route for construction traffic to one of the sites (presumably the BESS site) would comprise a route along the A428 from the A45 and then at Brafield on the Green the route would turn into Billing Road and then continue into Cogenhoe. There is a Traffic Restriction Order in force (TRO 1499 with West Northants Council) restricting vehicles travelling along Billing Road which exceeds 7.5 tonnes. If indeed this scheme proposes that construction traffic for the project should be routed along Billing Road this would breach the TRO. The TRO is there for a very good reason: Billing Road in our village is completely unsuitable for HGV's. Footpaths along it are very narrow and put pedestrians at great risk with traffic passing within inches. I could not find the particular map which we saw at our Parish Council meeting as we passed it to a WNC Councillor who attended the meeting. I would strongly request that any planning permission granted has a condition that no construction traffic shall be in breach of the TRO and that the Applicant shall take pro-active steps to make sure that all contractors used are made aware of the TRO.