

Dear Jonathan and Team,

Thanks for your update presentation on J6 M42 scheme to local Parish Councils on Tuesday evening.

At the presentation you gave us more details on the site compound, and it became very apparent to several of us that we had not been previously aware of the size, exact location and expected impact of it. As an initial step I have spoken to several residents in the village. No one was quite aware of the size and scale of it, there is confusion over the location and certainly no one was aware it would take over practically all of the land from Church Lane to the A45. It has raised an issue of real local concern: it appears that the compound will box in the village to the north for 4 years, with resultant noise, visual, light and air pollution for upto 24 hours a day.

I would be grateful if you could send over a detailed location plan for the compound so we are clear on proposed boundaries, as well as any more operational information, and proposed mitigation that will help residents understand this better. I will then send on to all local residents to make sure awareness is where it needs to be.

I appreciate Jonathan's comments on Tuesday to help look at ideas that will mitigate the impact of the compound. I think it would be good to address this as soon as possible, particularly in the light that this is a nationally important infrastructure project and Bickenhill village will be suffering to enable this. A specific meeting with villagers might be a good way forward.

Several of us will attend the 6.30 pm meeting in Solihull next Tuesday to raise this as a concern and for completeness I have copied the planning inspectors team. However happy to meet beforehand if there is a convenient time.

Thanks in advance for your support and I look forward to a reply as soon as you are able.

Many thanks,
Jon Horton
Bickenhill and Marston Green Parish Council.

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