

Executive Summary
submitted by
Harrogate Western Arc Co-operation Group

The Harrogate Western Arc Co-operation Group consists of the following organisations:

Pannal & Burn Bridge Parish Council	Duchy Residents Association
North Rigton Parish Council	Harlow & Pannal Ash Residents Association
Hampsthwaite Action Group	Beckwithshaw Parish Council

We are submitting this executive summary in response to Matter 15 – Question 15.1 in relation to a traffic appraisal study that has been conducted on our behalf by BWB Consultants, which has been paid for by the residents we represent. The submission consists of :

1. This Executive Summary plus three slides that we would like to use as overheads to demonstrate our concerns about the high levels of traffic that would be generated by the numbers of houses being proposed for the Western Arc of Harrogate within the Local Plan. Slides link here: [HAPARA Supporting Drawings](#)
2. The BWB traffic appraisal study, which we wish to have included as an appendix to this summary. The hyperlink to this study is here: [Western Arc development - Cumulative traffic Impact study](#)

In making this submission we would wish the following to be noted:

- This group has been working together on matters relating to the Local Plan for the past 18 months, and it has had significant support from the residents that it represents. It is therefore both broad based and relatively long standing.
- When combining elector, membership and contribution numbers, this group represents in excess of 5000 people.
- We consider this group to be unique in both the way it has collaborated and the broad base it represents.
- That the BWB traffic appraisal report corroborates our collective doubts about the flawed traffic assumptions that have been used by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) in relation to the Local plan.
- That the overall collateral impact of the additional traffic that would be generated, by the proposed developments, has not been accounted for.
- That the infrastructure is incapable of supporting what is being proposed for the Western arc of Harrogate. All evidence shows it to already be under strain, and what is being proposed for the western arc of Harrogate is equivalent in summation to another settlement.
- Whilst some mitigation is mentioned within the Local Plan, there is insufficient to allay our fears of severe traffic problems.