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Dear Sirs,

Re Draft Walshaw Development Framework

Having had the opportunity to look at the Walshaw Consultation documentation in more detail, we wish to raise the following points:

- At the drop in sessions, it was explained that Church Street and Scobell Street will be closed off at their junction with Booth Street to allow for the Through Road. Although remodelling of the junction is mentioned in passing in the Bury West Transport Framework Document, the blocking of these roads is not mentioned at all in the draft Walshaw Development Framework and is barely apparent on the maps even when they are enlarged significantly. This proposal is a major change to the current situation and will have an impact on existing residents, especially those who live on the Booth Way estate. The maps and documentation must be amended and reissued to make this change obvious so that the public has the opportunity to comment upon it.
- The draft Framework does not show any directional traffic flow on the maps or any proposed road width restrictions. It is important that residents are informed about whether roads will carry one way or two way traffic so that they can comment effectively. Again, the maps need to be amended and reissued to allow for comment.
- At the drop in session it was mentioned that there would be road blocks on some roads to prevent rat runs being created but no locations were confirmed. Whilst the draft Framework mentions that care will be taken not to create rat runs, it does not indicate that some roads will be blocked.

- A member of the public pointed out at the drop in session that he owns the land set aside in the draft Walshaw Development Framework for allotments. The map showing the allotments and the references in the documentation to them are therefore incorrect. The document must be amended to show the new proposed location for the allotments and the public given the opportunity to comment.

These initial observations upon errors and omissions in the draft Walshaw Development Framework only serve to strengthen our argument that the public is currently not being given full and frank information about these proposals and thus denied the opportunity to engage with the Consultation effectively. We reiterate that the documentation ought to be altered to reflect the above points and the Consultation period ought to be restarted once the documentation has been amended and corrected.

We look forward to hearing from you further.

Yours faithfully,

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