

Questions at Maghull Examination Hearings

Wednesday 2 December

At the evening session to discuss the Local Plan there was a number of questions that needed input from Council officers outside the Planning department to respond. These questions and answers are provided below.

Have the Council considered the impact of the proposed development on the existing road network which already have constraints [e.g. Poverty Lane Bridge leading secondary schools]?

Yes, this is taken into account in [TR3 Land East Of Maghull forecasting Report Atkins May 2015](#)

Will the additional development in Maghull and Aintree result in significant increase in the traffic coming through Aintree?

No. This is included in [TR3 Land East Of Maghull forecasting Report Atkins May 2015](#) and [TR6 Aintree Traffic Forecast SMBC AECOM November 2015](#).

Have the Council taken account of the proposed expansion of Summerhill Primary in its traffic assessments?

Yes, this is included in [TR3 Land East Of Maghull forecasting Report Atkins May 2015](#).

Given that it is already difficult to exit Turnbridge Road onto Green Lane, have the Council considered the impact of additional homes in this area will have?

Yes, in the [Sefton East Parishes Sites](#) Assessment.

Does the Council own Bryant House, Maghull and are there any plans for this building? Could it be used for a new gp centre?

The Council previously leased Bryant House when the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service [MEAS] were located there. MEAS vacated the building, moving to Bootle, about 7 years ago. The Council do not own, or have ever owned the building. It is currently available for sale and the Council, through our ongoing discussions with the local health authorities, will explore whether this is a suitable location for a GP/health centre.

Have the Council considered the impact of air quality when proposing large developments in the Local Plan?

The Local Plan contains policies that require that major development incorporate measures to reduce air pollution. Additionally the proposed large development at land east of Maghull requires improvements to public transport which will help reduce the amount of car journeys from those living and working in the new development. Proposals for major development may require an air quality assessment to set out what the impacts will be. This should set out mitigation measures to reduce any impact on air quality.

The Council's environmental protection team measure air quality across the borough, including at Wango Lane in Aintree and Moorhey Road in Maghull. They also have historic data at other air

quality monitoring stations. The results of the monitoring in this area show that air quality is within the required standards. If residents have concerns about air quality in their area the Environmental Protection are happy to look at placing a monitoring tube to measure air quality.

If air quality falls below the national standard in a location the Council will declare an Air Quality Management Area [AQMA]. There are no AQMAs in the Maghull or Aintree area. If an AQMA is declared this will introduce stricter measures that the Council must adhere to.