

# EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF EAST LEAKE, REMPSTONE AND STANFORD-ON-SOAR PARISH COUNCILS**

### **Villages Campaign for Road Safety**

Three parish councils in the south of Nottinghamshire are campaigning hard together for improvements at a dangerous road junction near their villages. This is the staggered crossroad where the main route from East Leake to nearby Loughborough crosses the fast and busy A6006.

An e-petition has been set up on Change.org at <https://chn.ge/2yy04ix> and signatures are also being collected on paper copies at the East Leake Greengrocers and Parish Office. The petition will be presented to Nottinghamshire County Council before the end of November.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has recently approved the detailed design for the second part of the Stanford Hall development, the new civilian rehabilitation facility, for which a £70m funding boost was announced in the recent budget. The three parish councils of East Leake, Rempstone, and Stanford on Soar wholeheartedly support this development in principle, but councillors and residents are extremely worried about the proposed access arrangements, which will bring a new road out in the vicinity of an already difficult and dangerous junction. The councils are pushing hard for redesign, preferably to include some form of traffic control such as traffic lights or a roundabout on the A6006, Loughborough Road, and Leake Lane.

The villages are also concerned about access to the site by sustainable means. East Leake Parish Council Chairman Conrad Oatey commented, "This development is potentially a great source of employment opportunities for East Leake residents, but no-one seems to have given much thought to how people can get there, apart from by car. There are no cycle routes or pavements from the village, and any pedestrians who make it as far as the junction will take their lives into their hands when crossing the busy A6006 at this dangerous junction. Anyone arriving by bus will also have to cross the road here, and will then have a long walk to the new building. A pedestrian crossing is needed, and better access to public transport."

Neil Lambert, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council

Wendy Butler of Stanford on Soar Parish Council is equally concerned about access to the defence and national facilities from their village. “Families stay nearby while their injured relatives are undergoing rehabilitation, and it is almost impossible for them to travel up there other than by car. They certainly cannot walk or cycle along Leake Lane, which is lethal. As a minimum, a 30mph speed limit is needed on Leake Lane where it runs through properties on Stanford Hills. There is a bus service but the bus stops have not been properly thought out.”

David Walker, Chairman of Rempstone Parish Council added, “All three parishes have written to our MP about this. The additional entrance would result in four junctions in the space of half a mile along a busy stretch of road. We would like discussions reopened so that Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council fully consider the safety of having access into the site from the A6006.”

## **Notes to Editors**

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### **Planning Application**

For details of the access proposals and comments by the three parish councils, see planning application ref 18/02250/REM on Rushcliffe Borough Council’s planning portal at:

<https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications>

Images available on request.