

# Press Release

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## **Liberal Democrats Call For More Information on the M6 Toll Expressway**

Stafford Liberal Democrat's Prospective Parliamentary Candidate has this week warned that local residents are being kept in the dark about the proposed new M6 Toll Expressway.

Barry Stamp, made the comments when he addressed a meeting of Liberal Democrat members in Penkridge on Saturday.

"I am extremely concerned that people living in the Stafford and Penkridge are having to rely on community groups and newspaper reports to get information about the proposed Toll Expressway. In this Common's statement, and in the introduction to the Government Consultation Document, Alistair Darling the Transport Secretary points out that everyone's views are important, but at the moment no official information has been sent to anyone living near to the proposed route. As the closing date for comments is just nine weeks away I really do think the Government should, as a matter of urgency, send out their consultation document to everyone that is directly effected. This will certainly prevent local residents being kept in the dark about what is proposed. I'm not sure how the Government expects local people to give their views if they are not providing the details of the proposals in the first instance. I have already written to the Department for Transport seeking assurances that this information will be sent out, but in the meantime I would urge anyone with access to the internet to visit the Department's web-site – [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk) – where they can download a copy. Alternatively I would be pleased to send a copy of the document to anyone who does not have a computer," said Barry Stamp.

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