

Press Release

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Council Praised For Recommendation On Caravan Storage Plan

News that Staffordshire County Council's Highway planners are to recommend that a planning application to store 50 caravans at Fosters Nursery at Bradley should be refused on highways grounds has been welcomed by the Villages Borough Councillor this week.

Barry Stamp said he was pleased that the County Council planners had recognised that roads around the Village were already struggling to cope with vehicles going to and from the nursery site and that car towing caravans would only worsen the situation.

"Three years ago I did get the County Council to carry out a traffic management study in Bradley, which found that the Village was only just coping with the traffic that was travelling to and from the nursery site in Oak Lane. However at the time the nursery had just changed hands and it was felt that traffic levels had begun to fall. As the County Council could not come up with a workable plan to control traffic flows around the Village, it was agreed that the situation would be kept under review and the falling levels of traffic moments monitored quite closely. However since that time the business has again changed hands and just a few weeks ago the new owners submitted a planning application to Stafford Borough Council to allow them to use part of the site to store touring caravans. This plan has met stiff opposition from local residents who were worried that cars towing caravans through the narrow lanes in an around the Village will only cause chaos. However it now looks as if the County Council have come to the rescue as they are recommending the Borough Council refuse the plan because of the unsuitability of the local roads. I really welcome this decision which is in line with the findings of the previous study. Bradley is a unique, and picturesque Village which is struggling to cope with the present level of traffic and it is unthinkable that dozens of cars towing caravans should be made to negotiate the narrow lanes and sharp bends to get to and from their storage site. Having now heard the County Council's recommendation I will be pressing the Borough Council Planning Department to take that on board and refuse the planning application as soon as possible," said Barry Stamp

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