

Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation

Comments Ansty parish Council:

Ansty Parish Council objects to further development in the green belt surrounding Ansty.

Despite a large amount of objection, the Crouner Fields site (site 95) was approved as part of the Fraser Group application in December 2024. Ansty Parish Council would like this site to remain in the green belt and not set this site aside for speculative applications should the Fraser group application not proceed for any reason.

Ansty Parish Council is concerned that despite the large allocation for the Fraser Group, they have also been allocated a further allocation at Ansty Park (site 14). This site is also located in the green belt and will cause a further infringement upon the green areas surrounding Ansty. The village has already been allocated a substantial amount of land for employment directly affecting the residents of Ansty and feel that the second allocation will have a further detrimental effect on the local residents.

The traffic issues will be further exacerbated in the area by both the Crouner Field application and will be worsened by a secondary extension to Ansty Park. There are other areas in the Borough with better transport links as the village already has issues with traffic. There is a major issue with the bridge in Ansty with only one way traffic flow at a time over the bridge and multiple new employment sites will create further congestion. The majority of the journeys by employees will be carried out by car due to the insufficient public transport. Employees will be drawn from the surrounding towns of Nuneaton, Leicester and Birmingham not the local towns and villages and will mainly travel by car.

Site 14: National Highways have stated that there is a potential for large trip generation impact. Committed Dev Impacts require modelling. In addition, their initial review considers levels of physical highway mitigation required in order to ensure that impact on the strategic road network from development on the site is addressed, ranging from low, medium to high. The current level of concern for this site is High.

Ansty has been provided with the largest allocation of employment land in the borough equating to 350000m² of floorspace from a total allocation of 945000m². Ansty Parish Council object to Policy S7 for the secondary allocation at Ansty Park and Crouner Field. A village the size of Ansty has been allocated 1/3 of the total employment floorspace which again is unsustainable and overdevelopment of the land surrounding Ansty. There are no facilities in Ansty including public transport or a local shop so all movements will need to be made by car.

Part of the site falls within a mineral safeguarding area for sand and gravel as identified within the Warwickshire Minerals Local Plan and should not be developed for further large scale 'warehouse' type developments.

If the length of the current plan was for a period of 15 or 18 years the amount of floorspace required would significantly decrease and therefore the allocation of employment land in the Borough would decrease.