

I wish to respond to Matter 9 Employment Policies and Allocations. 9.6c in particular relating to site AB2/AB2a – **“have off-site impacts been adequately addressed?”**

No, I do not believe they have been addressed – there has been insufficient investigation/traffic monitoring through Audley and Bignall End.

The likelihood is, if AB2 goes ahead, that traffic will cut through our villages in order to avoid the queues approaching Junction 16. We already see this on a daily basis and when there is an accident on either of the M6 or A500, we witness increased traffic flow.

The roads through our villages are narrow from Victorian times and many are lined with rows of terraced houses from our Mining heritage. Terraced houses with cars parked out front making the roads even narrower to navigate.

This not only increases safety fears to residents but Audley already has one of the highest scenarios of asthma and respiratory problems as per Dr Richard Page responses to Reg 19.

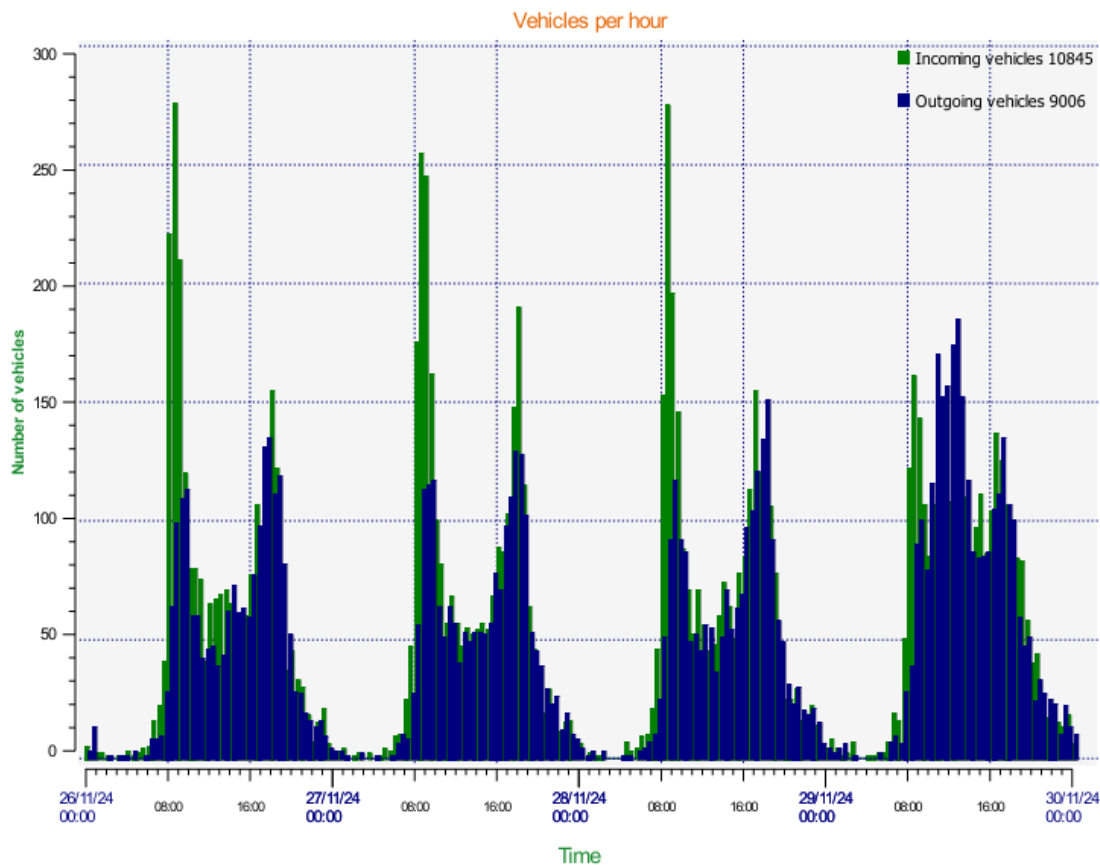
Our Local Parish Council has traffic monitors throughout the village which not only monitor speed but count the number of vehicles per hour – unfortunately I have only recently been made aware of this and sadly haven’t had the time to fully analyse all the data. However, the following is just one example of what happens when there is an accident near Junction 16.

One accident happened on the A500 at approx.. 10 am on Friday 29th November 2024 – the photo below shows traffic at the mini roundabout at the junction of New Road, Nantwich Road and Alsager Road, Audley



I have video footage if the Planning Inspector wishes to see this.

The graph below shows the normal traffic patterns for the preceding 3 days but look what happens on 29th November and this is not just a one off.



Start date: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 12:00 AM
End date: Saturday, November 30, 2024 12:00 AM

Our roads are not built for this amount of traffic and believe that AB2 should be removed from the Local Plan.

I do not wish to speak at the hearing but would like to listen to the hearing when this matter is discussed.