

**Examination of the Wyre Forest District Local Plan 2016 – 2036
Hagley Parish Council Representation**

Matter 11 – Transport and Accessibility – Appendix 1, Additional Response to the New Evidence submitted by WFDC in December 2020

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Hagley Parish Council has reviewed the new evidence submitted by WFDC on Matter 11. Whilst we appreciate the difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we do not feel that this new evidence changes our position.

Specifically, it does not address the issue of the major road junctions in Hagley being close to (or in some cases above) capacity, with any increase in traffic caused by the WFLP only adding to the current (pre Covid) problem. Nor does the new evidence validate the amount of this increased traffic that would be “captured” within Kidderminster (because of employment within the town); we believe that an increasing percentage will travel towards Birmingham and the Black Country.

Nor does it address the points made in the Mott Macdonald report for BDC, other than the need for a Present Year Validation (PYV); we understand why a PYV is not possible in the current circumstances (Covid pandemic) but if this validation had been undertaken when it should have been (during 2019) the problem would not exist. We reiterate all of the other issues identified in the Mott Macdonald report (but have not listed them here in the interest of brevity).

Finally, it does not address the objections of BDC and we therefore conclude that WFDC’s duty to co-operate has not been achieved and that necessary mitigations have not been agreed.