

## **Villages Alliance begins fight to put a brake on inappropriate development**

Representatives from nine villages in North Somerset have agreed to ask North Somerset Council on what plans it has for managing the inevitable increase in road traffic generated by already approved housing schemes.

Congresbury's Mary Short welcomed the decision by council planners to acknowledge the cumulative effect of traffic volumes on the district's already clogged roads.

"Now, at last, each application should involve consideration of the effect on the surrounding area," said Mary. "But we also want to know what traffic management schemes the council is proposing."

Yatton representative Steve Bridger agreed and said it was in the interests of North Somerset Council to be more open and transparent about its vision to secure community involvement and backing for development.

"We intend to monitor the consistency of planning decisions affecting villages in North Somerset," said Steve. "We will mobilise as many people as possible if we think the council is failing to deliver the infrastructure needed to keep in step with new housing, and therefore acting against the wishes of our communities."

NSVA brings together representatives of action groups in Banwell, Churchill, Claverham, Congresbury, Langford, Sandford, Winscombe, Wrington and Yatton.

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