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 <b>Walsall Council</b>	<b>NOTICE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<p>We, the undersigned members, under the provisions of paragraph 17(c)(ii) of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules, request the Chief Executive to invite the Chairman of the:</p> <p><b>...Scrutiny Overview – Overview and Scrutiny Committee to call in the following item considered by Cabinet:</b></p> <p><b>Item number:</b> ...16.....</p> <p><b>Report title:</b> ...Options for a Transit Site in Walsall.....</p> <p><b>Date of Cabinet meeting:</b>...10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.....</p> <p>for consideration by the above named Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the following reasons:</p> <p>In the public interest, following significant concerns expressed by members of the local community, we would like to call this decision in to understand how the Cabinet took into account the following issues in making their decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultation that took place? – how were local residents in the Pleck Ward, including those living close to the proposed site and Ward Members and Member of Parliament consulted and how were these views taken into account;</li> <li>• The impact of the health of the GRT community - the site is located next to a major cross roads that suffers from congestion. We are concerned as GRT communities are recognised as a group that suffers from health inequalities and this site will potentially expose them to high levels of air pollution. The UE Working Group criteria recommended avoiding sites with '<i>air/ground pollution</i>'.</li> <li>• The impact on schools and other local services - The UE Working Group recommended that a transit site '<i>should not overload schools</i>', however, there is significant pressure on local schools in the area and the addition of more children would increase this pressure.</li> <li>• The impact on the economy - What assessment was made of the impact on the local economy? The local community is concerned that there will be a potential negative impact on local businesses and property prices.</li> <li>• The impact on community cohesion - Pleck Ward is one of the most diverse wards in Walsall. The potential for tension between local communities and the GRT community is significant. The addition of this site could potentially exacerbate the challenges with community cohesion in this area. The members would like to see the risk assessment done that covers these issues.</li> <li>• The impact on neighbouring residents - the UE Working Group recommended that a transit site '<i>be situated away from local housing estates</i>'. Why was this recommendation disregarded?</li> <li>• Site is too small – transit sites need to be able to accommodate largest encampment (30 caravans)</li> </ul>		

- The perceived political nature of this decision by the local community.
- What other sites were put forward to the cabinet to make a choice – how many sites were put forward in the Walsall North Constituency and in the Aldridge Brownhills Constituency

and that following interested parties be invited to the meeting:

- **Members of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee**
- **Members of the GRT Transit site working group**
- **Medical Expert on impact of air pollution on children**
- **Paul Gordon – Director Resilient Communities in regard to community cohesion and equalities**
- **Children Services Representative**
- **Local School representatives**
- **Business owners in the local area**
- **Members of the Faith communities / institutions in the local area**
- **A number of residents – 4 – from the local area**
- **Members of the GRT community**
- **Elected representatives**

1. Name .....Councillor Aftab Nawaz.....  
Signature .....via email.....
2. Name .....Councillor Khizar Hussain.....  
Signature .....via email.....
3. Name .....Councillor Naheed Gultasib.....  
Signature .....via email.....
4. Name .....Councillor Harbans Sarohi.....  
Signature .....via email.....
5. Name .....Councillor Matt Ward.....  
Signature .....via email.....

Note 1: Paragraph 17(c)(ii) of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules enables 5 Members of the Council (not being members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee) to give notice to the Chief Executive to invite the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee to exercise the powers of call-in for the reasons set out in the request.

Note 2: This form should be completed and returned to Democratic Services within 4 working days of the date of publication of the decision notice.

Signed



(Chief Executive)

Date received 17 February 2021

Amended 3.6.15

Approved by Council 18 June 2014