

Matters to be taken into consideration following meeting between Colwich Parish Council and HS2

- **Bishton Lane** should not be used as an access road. The lane is already hazardous with existing traffic. It is constrained where it meets Belamour Lane, and contains ancient hedgerows and extensive wildlife. The ancient hedgerows and high banks bounding historic Bishton Lane and the wildlife that they currently support are irreplaceable and their inevitable destruction will create irreparable historical and environmental damage to the surrounding area.
- A further omission is the impact of construction traffic on **walkers and cyclists** who use the villages of Colwich, Little Haywood, Great Haywood and the surrounding hamlets as a hub; and for whom any increased and heavy traffic on surrounding lanes will represent a significant hazard to those walkers and cyclists, which will impact upon their safety and their access to the surrounding countryside. This is in direct contravention of the **Colwich Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan** in which increased access to countryside and open spaces for leisure activities was identified as one of its objectives.
- Concern was also expressed over what would happen to **footpaths** - if and where they will be diverted to.
- We already need traffic measures on the **junctions onto the A51 at Colwich & Great Haywood** with the former having another serious accident on the night of the meeting. These must be known to be dangerous because speed cameras have been located on each. The suggestion is for roundabouts rather than traffic lights.
- **Mill Lane** has now been identified as a route for construction vehicles (this was not the case on the last visit). We identified:
 - The junction with Main Road by the Spar shop is already hazardous - especially with crowds of school children in the mornings.
 - The rail bridge is very restricted (height & width) and subject to traffic control considerations (CPC working with Cllr John Francis). There will be increased danger to pedestrians caused by the increased traffic flow under Mill Lane Railway Bridge.
 - Anglo Welsh and the Canal Side shop are tourist attractions and there is a good flow of pedestrians between there and the Spar shop etc.
 - The lane is generally narrow with a multitude of farm land access points - some on bends.
- The junction at Ingestre needs more attention as there are businesses and dwellings that will suffer if that is cut off, given there is no other exiting viable access.

We noted that Little Tixall Lane was included as a construction route, but this was advised as an error.