

STAMFORD CHAMBER of TRADE and COMMERCE



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Dear Chamber Member

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BY WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS

You will be aware from our previous consultations with members that your Chamber has been opposing the Morrison planning application.

This because the Morrison application for a retail park on the old Blackstone site is firstly a threat to businesses in the Town Centre and would undermine the vitality and viability of the historic core of our Town. Secondly, it would encroach upon the Protection Corridor for the Ryhall Road Link behind Blackstones which has been enshrined in the South Kesteven District Council's Local Plan since 1995. This would make impossible the Ryhall Road Link, a possible 2nd Town Bridge and an eventual Ring Road.

Meanwhile, the Stamford Property Company has recently made a separate application on the old Blackstone site, unconnected with the Morrison application. Your Chamber would have no objection to this, were it not for the fact that it, too, encroaches on the Protection Corridor.

Despite our consistent and logical opposition, both applications appear to be going forward following recommendation from Stamford Town Council and recent decisions by SKDC's Development Control Committee.

It appears that SKDC are not respecting the Ryhall Road Link Protection Corridor even though it should have been saved as part of the 1995 Local Plan. As a result, we are seeking a Judicial Review, which will hopefully restore the effect of the Protection Corridor.

These issues are described in greater detail with some useful drawings on our Chamber's website www.stamfordchamber.co.uk/morrison

If you would like to discuss the matter in more depth, please telephone me on 01780 482440 or email president@stamfordchamber.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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