

## **Measham Parish Council HS2 Property Consultation Response February 2017**

The local knowledge of the existing noise from the A42 suggests that the noisier HS2 will create more of a disturbance to residents. The cumulative impact of the original route proposal to the west now refined to the East has resulted in blight to the whole of Measham already.

The Parish Council feel that the compensation and assistance measures should be broadened to include both tenants and landlords of houses and businesses in the **whole** of the village due to the cumulative blight impact along with the lack of alternative affordable premises should people wish or need to move.

Consideration and decisions should be given to each and every individual property, extenuating circumstances could lead to the need to sell or get assistance whether rented or privately owned. For example residents with noise sensitivity issues and other conditions such as ME or Fibromyalgia could be affected by HS2, these tenants or property owners could be excluded from any assistance should the proposed boundaries be adopted.

The boundaries for compensation need to reflect the actual topography and elevations to give a true picture of areas actually affected.

The Parish Council feels that the compensation sums proposed are far below the level they should be set for the scale of disturbance and continued blight.

### **'No Prior Knowledge'**

Measham needs to be classed as a special case as the whole village already has prior knowledge dating back to the first proposed western route. As such the entire population feels under threat and blighted by HS2 proposals.

Both developers and future property owners could already be deterred from buying in the area due to the blight of the proposed HS2 route(s), the Government may not be aware of this being a significant issue however the reality is that this could seriously affect the whole of Measham.