Comments

Local residents were verbally assured that the planning application would contain actual details of the shuttle bus service, including a consultation on ensuring that it would be accessible to and by disabled and elderly residents whose walking distances to the new station would be increased beyond their ability to manage, thus removing their access to public transport.

The S106 proposals contained in the application:

1. Do not list details of the route.
2. Does not list recourse if service falls below promise levels.
3. Does not list a timespan over which service will be provided.

All of which were asked for.

In addition it:

1. Establishes an eligibility for use based on the increased walking time of the street of resident, not the increased walking time of the RESIDENT.

The promised consultation with elderly/disabled village residents has not happened. Without the ability to consult on accessibility of an ACTUAL proposed plan (rather than vague hopes) I believe that a case could be made that this proposal as it stands is indirect discrimination against disabled people and elderly people which are protected characteristics under the Equality Act.

The process undertaken by RLW of failing to engage with disabled and elderly people when DIRECTLY ASKED TO in order to ensure that they complied with obligations under the Equality Act in not offering substantially poorer service to protected groups appears to endanger them towards further failing their obligations under the Equality Act.