

MEMORANDUM

From: Operational Manager Traffic & Transportation **To:** Chief Planning Officer
Our Ref: TH/DC/JP/2010/0327 **Your Ref:** SJG/P/2010/0327
Date: 4th May 2010

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN AND COUNTRY (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

Location: O. S Grid Ref: 325 512 Plas Coch Road / Mold Road / Berse Road, Wrexham.

Development: Proposed highway improvement (To Plas Coch Road) in proximity to The Plas Coch / Mold Road / Berse Road Roundabout.

I refer to your consultation dated 22/04/2010 in respect of the above and my response dated 29th April 2010.

I note that comments have been made regarding the impact of the proposals on cyclists and pedestrians to which I respond as follows:

Comment 1

Providing 3 lanes in space currently occupied by two will make the lanes narrower which will prevent cyclists passing the queues of traffic on Plas Coch Road. I feel this will discourage people switching from cars to bicycles.

Response

The proposal is to widen the carriageway to accommodate three lanes, not reduce the lane widths.

Comment 2

There is currently a cycle lane from Plas Coch Road to Mold Road which facilitates left turns for cyclists and bypasses the traffic lights. Being prevented from reaching this cycle lane will increase journey times for small number of cyclists who use this facility.

Response

This cycle lane will remain. There is no plan to prevent access to the cycle lane which will remain available for use by cyclists travelling from Plas Coch Road into Mold Road. Lane widths on the approach to the cycle facility are not reduced.

Comment 3

No consideration has been given to how pedestrians are to cross three lanes of traffic. There are traffic islands provided at the Mold Road roundabout (only one side is signalised, it is difficult to cross here) and at the retail park (where it is difficult to judge which way traffic is heading and there is often an impassable constant stream of vehicles).

Trying to cross roads near junctions is much harder than trying to cross on straight roads.

Adding an extra lane will make it more difficult for pedestrians to cross the road near the university - currently the easiest place to cross.

Response

The constraints on pedestrians are noted. However, the proposal does not change the arrangement for pedestrians who cross Plas Coch Road at the Mold Road roundabout.


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