

Re-Opened Public Enquiry into Application PP/D2320/W/22/3295556 March 2024

This Submission covers the existing level of conflict between Car and commercial traffic and pedestrians and other road users.

Reference is made to actual incidents in April 2024, at different locations along Ulnes Walton Lane and captured by dashcam. The dashcam videos are available on request but still photos or the key moments are included below.

Incident 1

Conflict between truck, cyclist and Horse and rider on Ulnes Walton lane in the vicinity of Straits Cottages. As can be seen motor traffic north bound is brought to a virtual halt and there is no possibility of passing the Horse rider and south bound traffic is reduced to the pace of the cyclist as again there is no possibility of overtaking safely.



The MOJ proposals will only make this situation worse, with an increase in motor traffic including goods vehicles and emergency vehicles attending the Prison campus increasing the frequency of such incidents and thus the risk of injury.

Incident 2

In this incident a pedestrian is walking northwards on Ulnes Walton Lane approaching 'John Barlow Horses', but is walking on the carriageway (As there is no footpath), on what is a 40mph speed limit section of road. Even if the speed limit is reduced, the situation is unchanged as the pedestrian still has no refuge and the frequency of such incidents will increase following increases in traffic volumes.



MOJ Mitigations

The proposals for traffic calming measures on Ulnes Walton Lane only cover the north end of Ulnes Walton lane near to the Junction with hedgerows road and residential areas which will increase pollution with the increased queuing and idle times. These will not restrict traffic volumes or speeds further south on Ulnes Walton Lane when the above incidents occurred.

When construction traffic is using Ulnes Walton Lane there will be a high proportion of HGVs and is clear that there will be a significant increase in conflict with pedestrians, cyclists and Horse Riders. It also demonstrates how difficult it will be for increased fuel and consumables deliveries, and emergency ambulances to safely attend the expanded prison campus without a massive increase in conflict.

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