

28th May 2024

Re: Objection – Leicester Local Plan 202-2036, Policy SL03. Strategic Site 2: Land to the east of Ashton Green

Dear Inspectors

My objection specifically is for the above as it compounds problems already highlighted to by the settle community. At the end of this note are two snips relating to application 20162453 dating back to 2016.

If the development goes ahead in Ashton Green the school and 670 homes required, directly affects pre-agreed alterations to the Greengate Lane bridge which will become untenable with the style, sequence, and spirit of the NPPF not been honoured. The plan puts the need for new developments ahead of the quality of life and wellbeing of existing settled community. My view is that: -

1. The technical administration of 20162453 was incorrect and I assume scope for legal action for once the full scope of the LLP is realised. It has resulted in people moving in (me included) without suitable information showing on searches. The reason for this is the planning is Leicester City not County and the road names detailed in the search criteria don't include Greengate Lane (only in the description).

2. Under the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 35 there are three tests that need to be met. The following are the tests followed by the my perspective: -

- I. Positively prepared - It does not have agreement with Birstall Parish Council and as a direct result of the development our needs will be unmet (expanded upon in item 3). The modifications of the bridge need to meet the test of time and as it's owned by GCR, voluntarily maintained and designed for c1935 traffic, its a stretch to claim sustainable.
- II. Justified – I don't feel its justified considering the impact of traffic, topology of the immediate area. Examples are, I won't be able to get out of my driveway safely with cars waiting on the opposite side, and the road rage faced by impatient commuters. Also, the effect of pollution from stationary cars that impact directly on families grieving in the remembrance garden 6 meters away. Its also a blind bend with a perfect storm of train line, secondary pupils, red light jumpers (thinking they can see no cars) and HGV route for short cuts. I draw attention [Decision - Thurcaston Road, Leicester. Camera Enforcement of Bus Only Road, Thurcaston Road Bridge](#). I see no difference in the “..... a key element in delivering effective sustainable transport solutions in the City”.
- III. Effective – the proposed modification to the bridge is clearly not sustainable for the next 12 years, in the spirit of this test it has been deferred i.e. the matter is not dealt with nor proper cross boundary consultation. Might I suggest, the focus be on the exemplar of Thurcaston Road Bridge as this has stood the test of time.

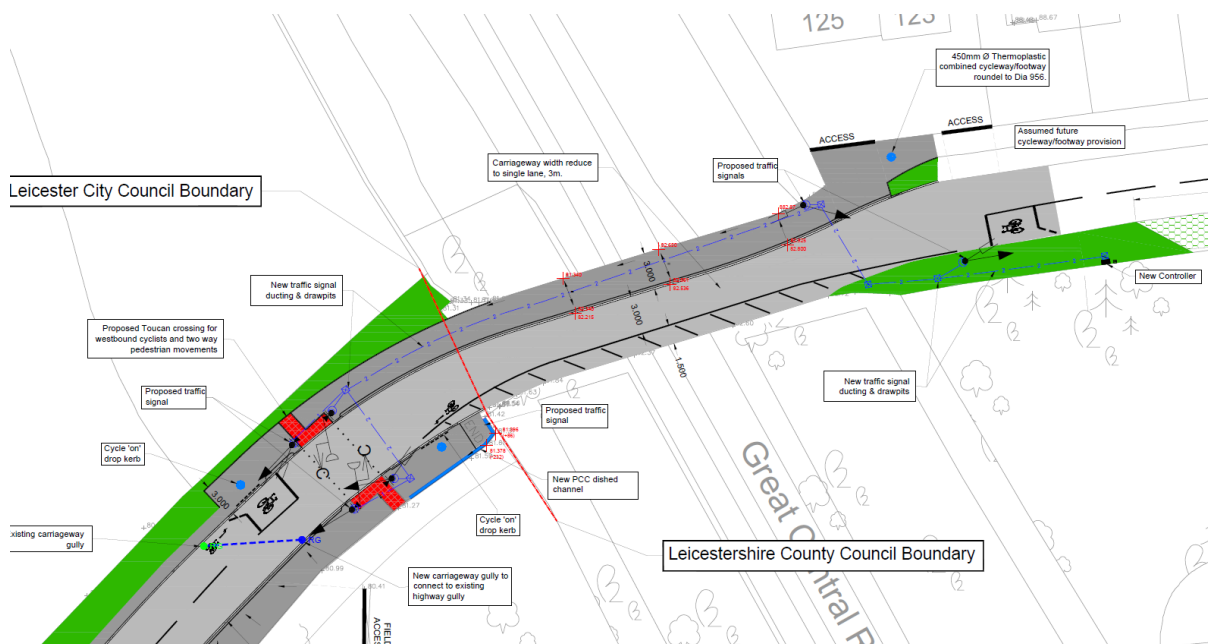
3. There has been no specific traffic monitoring reports with the modifications in place. My understanding is that neither authority has an idea on impact of the timed element of the one-way traffic lights or the pedestrian element of the Toucan Crossing. There are enough exemplars across the county where the crossing serves similar road networks and schools. Based on peak traffic, experience when works have had similar temporary one-way traffic lights and toucan crossings near schools you can expect traffic to back up beyond the Cemetery, Highcliffe School and effecting the main junction for the A6. Likewise, access for the traveller site and free flowing traffic to/from Thurcaston. Add to this impact/behaviour of residents who will struggle getting cars out, they might park them on the road thus increasing problems.

The only progressive solutions are: -

- A. Build a pedestrian bridge adjoining the cycle lanes on the same side. Use priority to oncoming traffic and width restrictors to allow flow from Birstall to Thurcaston. Enforce an 20mph speed limit with camera. Width restrictor will stop HGV's.
- B. Make the bridge emergency services and school buses only as Thurcaston Road Bridge.
- C. Fully pedestrianise the bridge

Regards
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Snip 1 – Bridge Detail (Not constructed)



Snip 2 – Pre agreed planning (not constructed)

