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Subject: A38 roundabouts changes: my views

I am concerned about the changes planned for the A38 as I believe that too much emphasis has been placed on ensuring that the through traffic flows more smoothly with less attention paid as to how the road interacts with local road users both in vehicles as well as cyclists and pedestrians.

This is an opportunity to improve cycling infrastructure especially on Kedleston and Ashbourne Roads, it would be very short sighted not to look at grade separated provision and toucan crossings. However it seems that the project, being one planned before the climate emergency was recognised by Parliament, is indeed short sighted.

If local traffic is held up in order to facilitate the A38 traffic, then local air quality will suffer. It is also likely to take a hit due to the higher speed limits and increased volume of traffic especially logistic company lorries which will probably quickly reduce the benefits gained by the road changes. Much research backs up the case that road improvements attract higher levels of traffic that before so increasing noise and pollution due to tyre residue etc. There were previous issues with the cleaning programme of the pond near the current pedestrian bridge between Ashbourne and Kedleston Roads and if traffic volume is increased the cycle of cleaning operations would have to reviewed.

There has been very limited information locally as to measures to reduce the impact of the 4 years of construction involved with this project. The closure of the Markeaton Island car park will mean that hundreds of university connected vehicles will be displaced. Unless suitable alternative provision is available then the students are going to be desperately circling residential areas looking for parking spaces which has implications for air quality and road safety. The issue of rat running through local residential areas is another matter on which no information has been provided, unless measures are in place to prevent such rat running, again local air quality and safety issues arise.

I understand that having, unfortunately, built a trunk road through a whole chunk of Derby that there are frequent build ups in traffic which this project is designed to resolve but feel that the disadvantages of the project have not been highlighted enough with all the focus being on

people hoping for faster journey times.

Yours sincerely

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