

From: [REDACTED]
To: [A38 Derby Junctions](#)
Subject: A38 junctions roadworks
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Dear Sirs/Madam,

Thank you for submitting my previous letter of 5-02-2020 to the last hearing.
I note that there is to be further hearing and would be grateful if this letter could also be submitted.

Transport assessment report (1) 8.1

The proposed works would involve the closure of Ford Lane onto the A38 just before the Little Eaton roundabout.

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As a result of the above, travel to and from the residential area west of the A6 would be restricted to two junctions with the A6, at Ford Lane and Derwent Ave. This would increase traffic at these junctions, increasing delays and most importantly will affect bus services along this major route as there are no bus lanes. Many people including myself rely on the bus service on this route and it is already subject to delay at peak times.

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The report states

”Analysis of the junctions has shown that:

The A6/Ford Lane would be over-capacity and may require some form of mitigation strategy. A potential improvement to the A6/Ford Lane junction might be to install traffic signals at the junction.

The A6/Derwent Avenue would perform well with little queuing. As such, no mitigation is proposed at this location.”

This does not make sense as the junctions are 1/4 mile apart, so any delay affects both junctions. Traffic lights at one junction would then cause delay at the other and this is a very busy section of road during peak times.

The effect of roadworks on the A38 lasting 3 1/2 to 4 years will exacerbate the delays and standing traffic on the A6. It will also lead to further delays to the bus service between Ripley, Belper and Derby.

I had been considering buying a bicycle to travel from the [REDACTED] Allestree to Derby city centre and back for work. There is no provision for cyclists on the A6 between Ford Lane and Darley Abbey. The cycle lanes beyond this are very a narrow part of the road and there is also no cycle lane between Broadway and the inner ring road on the A6. This is a very narrow section of busy road.

Unfortunately I am left with the conclusion that it would be unsafe to travel this route by bicycle.

So at a time when we should be encouraging people to travel by public transport and bicycle, in order to reduce carbon emissions and air pollution this scheme would make both of these options more difficult.

I am concerned about the reduction in air quality in my area during the 3 1/2 to 4 year construction period. Derby is already a mandated city with regard to air pollution and any construction work is bound to increase this problem. We should have an emphasis on reducing traffic in general rather than providing wider roads at the expense of the environment.

This scheme is shortsighted, outdated and following the recent court ruling on Heathrow airport expansion may be unlawful.

Yours sincerely
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Sent from my iPad