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For the Attn of Louise Evans Case Manager M54 to M6 link road Case Team.

Hi Louise,

I have just noticed a typo in my earlier email. Could you replace with the following:

South Staffordshire Council makes the following comments on the additional information/submissions received by Deadline 4.

Community request for the shortest direct route from the junction with the Avenue to join the north and south of the existing A460.

South Staffordshire Council has reviewed the document '*Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding Routes at Junctions Technical Note*' dated January 2021. The District Council supports the comments made by Councillor Cope that the applicants preferred route would provide a much longer journey for residential walkers and wheelchair users to negotiate. The Council questions whether the average walking speed applied by the applicant is a realistic median walking speed for the population as a whole, given that this can vary considerably depending on age and mobility. Clearly the proposed route would provide an important link to employment opportunities at Hilton Cross for residents of Featherstone who will be of varying ages/mobility.

As pointed out in the representations made by Councillor Cope, the Ramblers Association considers that the average walking speed for most adults is 2.5mph or 4km per hour (see attached document). It is also noteworthy that paragraph 4.4.1 of Manual for Streets (see link below) refers to walkable neighbourhoods as being typically characterised by having '*a range of facilities within 10 minute (up to 800m) walking distance of residential areas which residents may access comfortably on foot*'.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/341513/pdfmanforstreets.pdf

The District Council would therefore question whether the applicants estimation of average journey times of 13 minutes and 30 seconds based on walking speeds of 4mph, or 17 minutes 54 seconds for pedestrians travelling at 3mph for the duration of the proposed 1440m route is accurate, with the longer journey time suggested by Councillor Cope of 21 minutes more likely based on the average walking speed set out above. These journey times could be further impacted on by users having to negotiate an un-controlled carriageway crossing which is acknowledged by the applicant as a MAJOR IMPACT under the design manual for roads and bridges LA 112 (para 2.2.6 applicants response).

South Staffordshire Council supports Councillor Cope's suggested route using underpasses which would eliminate having to cross the M54 slip roads which would no longer be in existence once the scheme is built out and therefore would have NO MAJOR effect. This route(s) could include a

well-lit walking and cycling path and access for wheelchair users and provide the shortest journey time to Hilton Cross. As suggested by Councillor Cope, further design detailing of how the underpasses could work would be helpful to fully consider these options.

Weight Restriction on the A460.

The District Council reiterates its support for a weight restriction on the A460 beyond the M6 Diesel Station, given the level of HGV traffic in the area which will be associated with the ROF Featherstone strategic employment site and other commitments. This would ensure that the right traffic is kept on the right roads, thus protecting the local communities, cyclists and horse riders from unnecessary HGV impacts.

Regards

Tom Cannon

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Two feet walking

How long you take to walk a specific distance, or how far you walk in a given time, will depend on a number of factors from your fitness level and the length of your stride to the number of stops you take to rest or enjoy your surroundings and any weight you're carrying on you in a rucksack or backpack.

Things can also vary at a moment's notice. The weather might suddenly turn or children you're walking with could tire. Circumstances at the time of your walk can also affect your speed – you'll probably walk that bit faster if you're late for an appointment than you would if you're simply enjoying some fresh air on a Sunday afternoon!

Average speeds

Everyone walks at a different pace, but as a guide most adults can walk at around 2.5 miles (4km) an hour without accounting for stops. If you're new to walking or recovering from an illness, allow yourself more time. Experienced walkers will often walk faster than this and walk further in an hour.

Terrain

Whatever your walking ability though, the type of ground you're covering will impact you. People walk faster on smoother surfaces such as roads, pavements and surfaced paths, while more difficult surfaces such as mud or boggy areas, gravel and sand will slow you down.

Help

And then then there are hills to consider. 'Naismith's Rule' (devised by Scottish mountaineer William Wilson Naismith in 1892) allows an hour for every three miles (5km), plus an extra half an hour for every 1000ft (330m) climbed, so you'll need to factor in more time for a walk that includes ascents.

When calculating pace the most important thing is to know your limitations and those of the people you're walking with. It's no fun being left behind so if you're walking with others the group should adjust its speed to the slowest member of the group and give them plenty of encouragement.

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