

Issue Specific – 27th January 2022

Transport and Traffic

As previously explained during the course of the Hearings this week, National Star provides educational and health services to adults with very sensitive characteristics and needs. Their students and staff travel from a wide range of destinations using the surrounding road network. There is also a significant number of staff and service providers which require 24hr access. NS do operate on a normal working day and as such will be susceptible to normal peak travels times.

To be clear, any concerns raised are from the potential impacts on the health of their students and the viability of their delivery of their services.

The Ullenwood site is situated on the northern scheme boundary. The College is immediately flanked by three public highways;

1. Leckhampton Hill B4040 to the north -west
2. A436 to the south
3. Ullenwood Manor Road to the east

The site also requires access from A417 from both directions.

Therefore, transport and traffic impacts from the project are a real concern for the National Star.

We understand that as a consequence of the scheme both during construction and completion of the scheme traffic will increase on these roads, which could potentially cause issues in the service delivery of the college.

Any increases in travel time can cause significant impacts on the wellbeing of individuals which could potentially result in that individual's ability to use the services. The College requires a wide range of personnel to perform its services, any impacts on those individuals could cause an issue in the delivery of services. This is a health issue and an issue relating to the financial support the charity receives to undertake its services. Each student receives funding, which assists in the wider delivery of services. Any losses in funding will have an impact on the College and will form part of the compensation claim.

The NS raised their concerns throughout the DCO consultation processes, however there is still a feeling of a lack of empathy to this situation and lack of confidence that the NS concerns have been heard and included in the applicants submission of the traffic management plans. The National Star has recently provided much more detailed submissions on the locations and travel requirements of their services users and providers.

We understand the National Star were considered in the preparation of the Construction Traffic Management Plan, albeit on desktop basis. Since submission of this CTMP document there have been site meetings and detailed submissions provided by National Star. We therefore request the opportunity to revisit and engage with the college to help inform the Traffic Management Plans to provide confidence to the National Star their concerns are addressed and that any potential impacts or conflicts are considered.

Put simply is it not a case of consultation more of a collaborative engagement which the college must feed into to agree commitments for potential mitigation.