

The proposed scheme at Simister Island Interchange does not take into account the Places for Everyone (PfE) development of 1.2 square m of industrial space and 1550 houses that has recently been granted in the local area. There has been no consideration of how much this development will affect the local area and the knock on effect towards the proposed scheme. The modelling for the scheme has only considered what is currently in place and doesn't mitigate any future developments, which have already been agreed, so must be included.

Residents who travel regularly on the motorways have already feedback to National Highways that this is not where the issue is, it is at M60 Worsley where the bottlenecks appear. This will further impact local residents as construction will take place at night over a three and half year period, causing unacceptable noise and disturbance. Night time motorway closures will transfer more traffic onto the local road network, increasing noise and disturbance.

Simister and Bowlee currently have illegal air quality readings due to the motorways (M60, M62 and M66) surrounding the scheme. Through a Freedom of Information request Highways England provided the readings on the Strategic Road Networks around Simister and Bowlee in 2015/2016 were:

75% at illegal limit

15% at legal limit

10% not full year readings

With the introduction of Places for Everyone with 1.2 million square metres of industrial and 1550 homes this will undoubtedly increase already illegal levels of carbon emissions even further.

Point 17 Page 233 of the PfE states we will "incorporate appropriate noise and air quality mitigation measures and high-quality landscaping along the M60 motorway corridors and local road network if required within the allocation."

National Highways have already tried this through the Barrier erecting study and it failed. The before and after results were provided and it was confirmed there was no reduction in pollution.

National Highways, Bury Council and GMCA must work together to mitigate the effect of both this scheme and PfE to ensure the health and well being of local residents including young people at the two current schools a few hundred metres away from the sheme and the proposed school due to be built as part of the PfE. The public services involved in these developments have a duty of care as this will increase the health inequalities and will definitely affect people's health.