

I object to the the proposals for Simister Island Interchange. We use this junction regularly going from Manchester to Burnley and back, usually returning at night. The 3 and a half year night time closure will be a nightmare for us having to use local roads we do not know. It will also cause pollution, noise, air quality issues, road safety and vibration problems for local residents. Carbon emissions will be increased by 62,013 tonnes during construction and 151,090 tonnes over the next 60 years due to increased traffic. This is in direct contrast to what what the climate emergency (declared by some boroughs in GM) says should happen. It will make it even harder for the UK to meet its legally binding climate targets, which we are already failing to meet. Traffic will be induced to use the M60 motorway to an even greater extent than is the case at present and this is an extremely busy M'way already. The scheme fits with Places for Everyone which aims to increase housing and employment but at cost to the environment, sacrificing greenbelt. This is by no means what many residents of GM, and elsewhere, want. The scheme is poor value for tax payer with a benefit to cost ration of just 1.17. National Highways have so far proposed no alternatives to road building and has proposed no non-road building alternatives eg rail to reduce demand or impact. The effect on air quality will be detrimental and NH should be seeking to reduce demand on this already overused group of motorways and junction not encourage it.