

Ref: TR010064 - M60/M62/M66/Simister Island Project
Meeting Date 11th September 2024
Response to Examination Meeting

From: Mrs Pamela Thomas, Concerned resident

As requested at the above open floor meeting, I would like to make the following point for consideration.

As our country is in economic crisis, I feel that it is my duty as a taxpayer to log my concerns in relation to the proposed works because I do not consider the plan can meet its objectives, in relation to:

- Improve the journey experience for users by:
 - reducing congestion at peak times
 - reduce journey times
 - deliver more reliable journey times

I am a frequent user of the motorways concerned on a daily basis both at peak and off peak times of the day. I can categorically state that I have never encountered a problem joining the M60 from the M66 at any time of the day. Yes, there is a level of inconvenience having to leave the M66 and go around Simister Island but it is just that 'a slight inconvenience'. Weigh this against the queue time from Junction 17 down to past junction 15 and it pales into insignificance.

One need only listen to and collect data from various travel alerts to know that the traffic chaos around the M60 from Junction 18 and beyond emanates from the Swinton/Worsley interchange and back-ups are further compounded by traffic joining the M60 from the Bolton/Kearsley junction. Until improvements in these key bottle neck areas are implemented, I see no point in creating a loop at Simister Island and 5 lanes between Junction 17 and 18; to do so would only serve to introduce traffic much faster onto the M60 and therefore create a build up of traffic even further back than it already is.

The above would impact the people that live around the Whitefield and Prestwich areas. It is already difficult at peak times to join Bury New Road from arterial roads due to queues waiting to get onto the roundabout at Junction 17. Longer queues on the motorway will further impact the ability

to join the motorway which will in turn add further congestion around arterial routes and therefore journey time will be extended.

I would ask that the honourable Secretary of State take the above points from a person that lives and worked in the area into careful consideration and also to examine statistics on Junction 15 before committing millions of pounds to a scheme that in my opinion would not improve traffic congestion but would make the situation a lot worse.

Pam Thomas
Concerned Resident