



WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Mr A Cunningham
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2 May 2014

Dear Mr Cunningham

Re: Swindon and Wiltshire Local Transport Body – Outline of Major Transport Scheme
Prioritisation Process and Outcomes

There have been reports in the local press recently from the Campaign for Rural England about the proposed changes to Junction 16 of the M4, which are being considered by Wiltshire Council as permitted development.

Wroughton Parish Council supports the view of the CPRE that this will mean that there will be no public consultation and no opportunity to comment on the plans.

The Parish Council has already commented on the plans for Junction 16 to the Swindon and Wiltshire Transport Body and would like to reiterate the following comments:

1. Wroughton Parish Council would question the design of M4 Junction 16 Improvement. The main beneficiary would be traffic traveling from Royal Wootton Bassett to Wharf Road as it would not have to circumnavigate the whole roundabout. The extent to which this will aid traffic flow is not quantified, but Wroughton Parish Council believes that it will be negligible. The design would appear to provide little benefit to the current traffic flows.
2. Wroughton Parish Council would also strongly agree with CPRE and others that the concentration on road schemes providing short term relief is not a sound or sustainable direction for the SWLTB to pursue and that the rail schemes at Royal Wootton Bassett, Wilton and Corsham should be prioritised and pursued with far more vigour.
3. In view of the impact that the M4 Junction 16 Improvement will have on local communities, including Wroughton, the Parish Council is very concerned that no consultation has taken place before prior to the plans being drawn up.

As you will be aware, any changes made to Junction 16 will have a significant impact on Wroughton. The Parish Council would welcome more information from Wiltshire Council on their position regarding the proposed changes to Junction 16 of the M4. Can you confirm that there will be a public consultation before any decision is made by Wiltshire Council.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joyce Holman', written in a cursive style.

Joyce Holman
Clerk