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BCBC
Ref: JPD E30-947

Date: 14/9/2017

Dear Mr Jolley

I am writing in response to your letter dated 22/8/2017, I would like to register my objection to the proposals - Ref:JPD E30-947 - as I have concerns regarding:

- 1) the proposed change of road traffic flow at Crescent Road, Sarn, and
- 2) the proposed 4-way traffic and pedestrian light system near my home

I recently called at the council offices as advised in your letter, however, there were no plans available for me to view at this stage. I take in and understand information regarding issues such as these easier when present in diagrammatic form and therefore the option to view plans would have been invaluable in assisting me in understanding the range of changes proposed outside my house.

I believe my property will be the most affected on Heol Ganol by the changes proposed – namely:

- Safe entering and exiting of the property – I always reverse into the drive and am concerned at being able to do this safely/without a collision due to the space given to carry out the manoeuvre with the traffic flowing quickly behind me re: pressure of lights changing.
- The physical positioning of the lights and whether this will affect my ability to manoeuvre in and out of my driveway.
- The likelihood of losing parking spaces outside the property (to the right as you look at the road from the front gate), which will have a knock-on effect of other residents along Heol Ganol as parking spaces are often at a premium and so could increase tensions amongst neighbours.
- The loss of parking spaces affect family members visiting me – particularly my mother who has COPD, bronchitis, diabetes, and partial removal of one lung and who is a blue badge holder. This issue will also be relevant and apply to other residents living on Heol Ganol.
- People already park over the drive, I anticipate that this will increase in frequency once parking space is reduced along Heol Ganol – I will not be going from door to door finding out which house the perpetrator is visiting and will be forced to use 101 to deal with the matter. Again, an issue that could increase tensions amongst neighbours on Heol Ganol
- Depreciation of the value of my property – who would choose to live right by traffic lights??

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- Would there be increased CCTV in the area, (where would they be mounted, and field of view)?
- Would there be increased lighting for all 4 crossings (where would they be mounted)?
- Has there been an environmental impact survey carried out? If so are there any results?
- Has there been a traffic flow modelling survey ? If so are there any results?

Regarding the increased traffic through this area due to the 'super school' in Ynysawdre, I would have thought that it would make more sense to move the traffic out of the residential areas and reroute the school traffic onto the Aberkenfig Bypass via Bryn Road and use traffic management systems there. This will affect far less residents than taking the buses through Ynysawdre and Sarn. As far as risk management is concerned, removing the hazard from the area or to the least impacted area is always the best option.

Additional to the above issues, I do not believe that we require 4-way lights along Heol Ganol and other roads – certainly not full time lights as, although the traffic along this route has increased due to the 'super school' in Ynysawdre, this only lasts for 2 short periods throughout the day. As a resident of Heol Ganol, I believe that the only requirement for traffic control measures, is for a change to the zebra crossing system outside Filco supermarket to a Pedestrian User-Friendly Intelligent crossing (Puffin crossing for short) pedestrianised crossing.

I would still like the opportunity to view any plans relating to the proposed changes affecting my property.

Yours sincerely