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Dear Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

A52 Nottingham Junctions: proposed removal of left turn movements at Bingham Road (Harlequin) junction

I am writing to you regarding your emailed objections to the permanent traffic regulation order (PTRO) to remove the left turn movements at the Bingham Road (Harlequin) junction dated 26 February 2021 and your response to the final opportunity letter dated 26 July 2021. I am also aware that you have corresponded with the project team on several occasions in between these dates. The details of your objections, and the responses you've received to date by the A52 Nottingham Junctions project team, have been passed to me as Regional Director, for a final decision on whether to remove the left turns.

You have put forward several detailed objections which I suggest can be placed into the following groups:

1. Removal of left turn from Carter Avenue to A52
2. Removal of left turn from A52 to Bingham Road
3. Increased traffic on local road network
4. Use of footways
5. Increase in noise and pollution
6. Increased risk of accidents

I have now had the opportunity to carefully consider the objection you have raised. I have decided to overrule your objection and approve the making of the Order to stop the left turn movements at the Bingham Road (Harlequin) junction.

I have taken the following facts into consideration to reach my decision:

The banning of these two movements is in order to keep the junction within the exiting footprint of the highway and to remove the need to take land.

1. Removal of left turn from Carter Avenue to A52

Residents of the Harlequin estate can use the exit from Hillside Road to merge with the A52. The new junction layout will include a new and updated pedestrian crossing and the traffic light sequencing will provide gaps in the traffic for cars to merge onto the A52 westbound towards Nottingham. The movement is banned as there will be

an insufficient sight line to the pedestrian crossing for drivers moving left out of Carter Avenue.

2. Removal of left turn from A52 to Bingham Road

There are a low number of cars making this movement hourly. Vehicles will be diverted to use Cropwell Road as an alternative route.

Accessing the Bingham Road playing fields will be through the other routes through Radcliffe on Trent, but these pitches are busiest on Sundays when the road network is less busy.

3. Increased traffic on local road network

Surveys have shown that there are a low number of vehicles per hour making the left turn movement from Carter Avenue, so there is unlikely to be excessive queuing at the Hillside Road junction.

This has been agreed with Nottinghamshire County Council who are content that the local road network will be able to cope with a small number of additional journeys in the area, including HGVs.

4. Use of footways

The scheme design reduces the distance from the road to properties on the A52 from 7m to 5.25. This is still a wide verge/footway and will allow for shared use of cyclists and pedestrians.

5. Increase in noise and pollution

Assessment indicates that there will be a negligible increase in noise for some properties and there will be no significant long term impact on air quality as a result of the changes at the junction.

6. Increased risk of accidents

There is no suggestion that the new junction design will encourage speeding and increase the risk of accidents.

The permanent traffic regulation order will be made shortly, following statutory procedures, and will come into force when the work to install the signage has been carried out.

I realise you will be disappointed by this news but I'd like to assure you that my decision has been carefully taken.

Yours sincerely



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