

North West Cardiff Group

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By email

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Dear Amanda,

14/00852/DCO Development of Strategic Site D in the LDP north of Junction 33 on the M4 “Gwernybwlau”

We have seen Cardiff Council's June 2014 *Further Assessment Llandaff AQMA* and comment on it in the light of our recent letter on the above planning application. In the light of the conclusions of the AQMA report we urge you to **refuse** the planning application for Strategic Site D.

Para 1.1 : The Llandaff AQMA was declared (in April 2013) because of exceedences of the annual mean nitrogen oxide objective. The Executive Summary states that the compliance is marginal.

Para 2.4 : The principal source of NOx emissions within the AQMA is road traffic.

Para 3.2 : Strategic Site D's plans for 1500 new homes are mentioned, but it seems that environmental health officers are unaware that - including Sites C and E - a total of 11,650 new homes are planned for NW Cardiff, as well as other traffic-generating uses including employment and retail on all the NW Cardiff Strategic Sites. Neither does the assessment take account of the proposed superstore and 572 parking spaces on the BBC Llantrisant road site (subject to a recent Scoping Opinion for EIA).

Para 3.3 : No documentation or appraisal has been provided to Cardiff on the impacts of Site D, let alone the other LDP-related developments we have referred to in 3.2 above.

Para 4.6 : Annual mean nitrogen dioxide objective is being consistently exceeded at the kerbside.

Para 5.7 : Decreasing speed increases NOx emissions with buses becoming more significant as speed slows, which is the case now and will be in future as more traffic uses the existing residential roads in North West Cardiff.

Para 7.6 : The assessment recommends that developments with the potential to adversely impact the nitrogen dioxide concentrations within the AQMA be effectively controlled or mitigated during the planning process, however this does not appear to be happening!

While this AQMA is some miles “downstream” from the NW Cardiff Strategic Sites, it will be adversely affected by the inevitably increased traffic flows from it. We urge

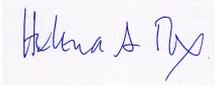
you to take the AQMA report and this letter into account in taking a view on the Junction 33 application.

We note that the European Commission has recently fined the UK Government for exceeding its air pollution levels. Cardiff's LDP plans for significant increases in traffic which risk endangering its AQMAs yet the only public transport solution for the foreseeable future will be the highly polluting bus.

If the recommendation of your own officers is that Llandaff AQMA be protected from increased emissions, how does Cardiff propose to do that while planning for traffic generation from 11,650 new homes and the accompanying employment and retail development plus intensification of use at of the BBC site?

We believe that the only possible option is to **refuse** this application in light of its inevitable and unacceptable adverse environmental and health impacts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helena A. Fox', is placed on a light pink rectangular background.

Helena Fox

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