

RESPONSES TO Q&As PLUS COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM ATTENDEES AT THE SGC M4 J18A EXHIBITION (PUCKLECHURCH) 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION:

QUESTION NUMBER	QUESTIONS ASKED (A)	ANSWERS GIVEN (B)	FURTHER COMMENTS (C)
1.	Inadequate route to science park ; more congestion	eastern route takes pressure off the ring road	ring road still necessary to get to science park
2.	Consideration of non car options for solving congestion?	CH2M asked to consider options not other solutions	
3.	How to deal with increase of traffic through Pucklechurch using Abson Road as rat run what traffic counting has been done on Abson Road?	we don't know the impact of peoples' driving habits	
4.	What change has there been in cars and lorries on the road since 1985?	don't know the figures	waste of time no road should be build
5.	What about congestion in village if accidents on motorway?	look into congestion problems	nothing to be at all
6.	What about the traffic from Yate and Westerleigh?	separate consultation for this project no plans to deal with it	
7.	Where is the traffic flow analysis?	was in some report somewhere	ring road congestion is caused by people going to Filton and MOD new M4 junction will not fix the problem
8.	Impact on environment? transport strategy? communication strategy>	no study on environment - transport strategy to be published	poor communication, people not easily identifiable felt this was poor in terms or consulting hard to reach groups

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9.	How will the dramway junction cope with the traffic from the link road?	the council is doing a feasibility study, these issues will be considered	
10.	As a resident of Pucklechurch I am very depressed by the issue. As long as people have cars to get from one point to another there will always be traffic congestion.	the staff of this consultation road show are paid to put the proposals forward in the best possible advantage for SGC	
11.	if junction 18a is to support /access the science park why is the link to go north on the ring road down an existing single track road, how can it cope with the extra traffic	SGC staff agreed this is a bad idea	I'm concerned that other SG residents may already have filled in their survey based on the flawed consultation document and do not realise the impact it would have on the Pucklechurch, Siston ,Parkfield Shortwood community. surely these surveys should be disregarded and a revised consultation issued before people make a decision (depending on if the survey carries any weight)
12.	Challenged perceptions displayed re traffic flow only results relative not absolute changes means nothing	accepts data not presented well	
13.	Challenged the "no change" to traffic flow across East Bristol roads	needs more work	
14.	Have traffic flows been modelled on future technological advances eg self driving cars that would use existing infrastructure more efficiently?	no based in current standards	individual we spoke with was very helpful and open about the design of the options and pointed us in the direction of other individuals to seek further information.
15.	What about congestion in village if accidents on motorway? What provisions will be made to respect ancient lanes. eg Kings Lane	didn't know anything about Kings lane ie body of king being transported down this lane.	afraid the outcome after March 2018 consequences for my daughter and families who live in Pucklechurch. I was looking to buy a home here but no longer

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16.	Why extra traffic in Westerleigh and Pucklechurch on minor roads not mentioned in advance	main details would be considered in full report	this shows the report is short sighted and there is no strong evidence for an extra junction when better transport links could be an option. No consideration of impact on Westerleigh and Pucklechurch
17.	Why junction considered to reduce traffic on all of M32 junction, A46 junction and A4174 when this looked likely	only some areas would see a reduction	

ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF TRANSPORT:

QUESTION NUMBER	QUESTION ASKED (A)	ANSWERS GIVEN (B)	FURTHER COMMENTS (C)
1.	Where is regional cycle route 17	missed off 2nd person to mention this it is a mistake	
2.	What about the foot paths	all foot paths will have a bridge over or tunnel under western option is on a flood plane	unable to have any meaningful discussion eastern route cheaper
3.	Where is the provision for cyclist especially Westerleigh similarly crematorium traffic	were not aware if the cyclists crematorium verges on B4465, shortwood fog packet	
4.	Why only extra junctions considered, not better transport links	remit was only to consider extra junctions	
5.	Why hasn't 'do nothing' been presented as a proper option for consideration and feasibility study	██████ agreed that she is surprised that do nothing hasn't been presented as an option. ██████ said it has been considered in joint transport study	

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	particularly looking at other options to me the objectives through improving public transport cycle networks etc		
6.	The risks of Coxgrove hill being used as a cut through and Parkfield road to pedestrians cyclists and road users (horses and cars) has this been considered also risk to Pucklechurch would need speed limits, crossings etc to improve safety	██████ said if the eastern option was put forward they would look at ways to make routes through Pucklechurch "unattractive"	I got the impression that the eastern option is being put forward purely as an option to be discounted
7.	Are you also considering other non-car options to address the objectives of reducing congestion and accidents and enhancing the economic viability of the area?	the JSP is addressing the overall transport needs of the region. junction 18A was identified as a potential way of improving the traffic problems in north east Bristol. there are many other elements-including public transport, cycling walking etc. but there is strong political support for a new junction and politicians got the money for the study	the JSP proposes to reduce car use within Bristol. one of the strategies is to place park and rides around the outskirts of Bristol with public transport links into the city. it is very difficult to find space for park and rides however. i questioned her about the Lyde Green park and ride for having only 102 spaces for 2500 houses and thousands more in the surrounding area

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COSTS:

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1.	Why the western option roundabout cannot be located in a much better place - lower cost	the details will be determined if two option is chosen. the cost shown was worst case	
2.	Could the £120 million to be spent on realignment be reduced by other options ?	couldn't answer this	
3.	To ask about both options and costs involved which is the least or dearest option	told of costs	
4.	If the western option became more expensive (i.e. due to flood zones) at what point would the difference in expense mean the eastern option would be chosen?	South Gloucester Council would make any decision regarding money to be spent	
5.	Unlock the economic potential- why? we are all completely satisfied with Pucklechurch as it is		the people who design these proposals should live in and around Pucklechurch before finalising plans
6.	Ref the environment she agreed cost should not be the primary reason. cost should not be the main reason as it needs to be the right one (if any)	party line could only discuss options	why do we really need a junction?

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7.	As the eastern route is estimated to cost less than the western Route does this mean it's more likely to be chosen?	no as both options offer high value for money. the financial benefits of either route being so large	
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IMPACT ON THE GREENBELT AND THE ENVIRONMENT (I.E. NOISE POLLUTION):

QUESTION NUMBER	QUESTION ASKED (A)	ANSWERS GIVEN (B)	FURTHER COMMENTS (C)
1.	Eastern option ; inadequate route to science park (economy environment pollution)	agreed with argument.	people will take easiest route
2.	Environmental issues	no need for environment issues at this stage	very worrying that what is displayed as fact may not be
3.	What happens when green belt status is removed?	probably be building . Western option more costly	
4.	What is the significance of the noise suppress area?	i don't know I'll ask a colleague	
5.	Lack of communication of environmental impact and transport strategy	just felt the communication was as bad as my point	felt we were passed from one to the other and no real answers
6.	What analysis of environmental impacts and mitigations has been made for this study	no detailed environmental assessment has been made for this study. they only looked at broad brush land use at this stage	██████ was clearly opposed to the eastern option because of its impact on the greenbelt and open countryside. However she had to toe the party line. she indicated that the only reason option b was in the table was because it was leaked before the start of the public

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			consultation
7.	Why aren't all environmental constraints shown on the Map (especially for the east)?	it was becoming too cluttered to understand	lack of detail was constantly being told only a concept doesn't require more. i disagree what has been presented is flawed. Traffic counting not an adequate method of recording driving habits
8.	Were they clear on low high water table?	no outline plans still lot more details to collect.	
9.	Noise important areas?	areas that already suffer noise are in orange	
10.	Coal mine shafts?	no study has been done at this point as to the extent of mining	the extent of mine shafts needs to be surveyed
11.	Has impact of views from conservation area been considered	not able to answer	
12.	What is impact on green belt	told of impact on green belt	
13.	if there are existing environmental studies for the western option but none done yet for the eastern option doesn't this prejudice in favour of western option?	she agreed there was more info available about environmental impact for western option but they were looking at very generalised info at this stage	
14.	Would any flood zones near the western option mean this option may be found not viable	no. this option would still be viable but some expense may be incurred offsetting the water (sorry my words i can't remember what was exactly said)	
15.	Is the total devaluation of the property in Pucklechurch being allowed for? there will be an obvious opening for the urbanisation of		

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	Pucklechurch by a western extension of Bristol and the loss of green belt by building 18A via Pucklechurch		
16.	What increase in air pollution are you expecting	we don't know. we will monitor this	
17.	Impact on village and environment	that the council have not included all the issues relevant to the village and Parkfield area	
18.	Impact on the green belt and living environment	not full information from SGC	

HOUSING:

QUESTION NUMBER	QUESTION ASKED (A)	ANSWERS GIVEN (B)	FURTHER COMMENTS (C)
1.	Listed buildings and concerns why?	no details offered to answer question	
2.	Why not stick to western route supposed to be built before housing	lots of figures have been given no decision has been take yet	concerns regarding housing development. western route is perfect route
3.	The western option should have been build at time of houses	no agreement has been made	western option is choice for science park
4.	What housing would be associated with the project	no housing	why do we need a junction, use original plans to impact on local areas (cheaper)
5.	Is the road secondary to building	is only a proposal at the moment	

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	houses		
6.	Road through Kings Lane would be 30m wide according to FQA document. this means demolition of some properties is unavoidable. is this sufficiently clear in information	no real comment on requirement of demolition, but it was obvious at this point CH2m do not believe option b is viable	I wanted to know how SGC could consult on putting a road through a conservation area, given its stated intention to protect said conservation area.
7.	Were the roads sighted on buildings that would suffer damage?	no outline plans still lot more details to collect.	
8.	How will house values be impacted by the scheme and compensation>	too early in the process to determine but likely to follow set guidelines	
9.	We are concerned about our houses and construction traffic for option B	they would rather take land than property	
10.	Why would putting the road through a listed village be an option?	A lot of waffle! Nothing concrete. Wouldn't even confirm the exact route by street, property or who would be affected.	
11.	Why have residents not been individually informed. My Aunt is 96 years old and doesn't go out. She has not been informed of what is going on by South Glos. Her opinion is that she has NOT been consulted. She has a heart condition and this could finish her off!	By planning law if there are 2 options and one goes through a listed area then it has to go with the other option.	It is a disgrace that this option has even been considered. Houses in the village are now unsaleable!!! There are unregistered mines and mine shafts in the area and a lot of listed buildings some of very historic value that will be lost. The council needs to look after the village it was elected to represent. Not intent on destroying it. HOMES OVER ROADS.

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VIABLE OPTIONS:

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1.	Western option; adverse impact?	pass near houses	personal impact of house demolition
2.	Western route bias towards this route		
3.	What is exact route of option B ?		road would be passing bottom of Homefield Rd, no names on the roads
4.	Is the b4665 not fit for this purpose?	separate consultation for this project no plans to deal with it	
5.	Why is the motorway not been moved for the eastern option as it goes past my house and business?	more houses are affected by western option and distribution centre	there may be more houses on the western option they shouldn't have built on the line disruption levels the same
6.	Confusions over where options eastern A and B	SGC could not locate on map "um that is interesting I don't really know"	this is a badly organised and staffed consultation ie: not fit for purpose. if the objective was to cause further mis information and confusion then it was a success.
7.	What happened to option 3c?	i think it was due to an ssi or environmental issue	
8.	Why does the Western option require re= routing the M4 is there no other option?	the council is doing a feasibility study, these issues will be considered the council is doing a feasibility study, these issues will be considered	the council have been asked the wrong question. it should be "does building more roads reduce traffic?"
9.	It feels like this option has been made deliberately complicated to make the eastern option more viable	the council is doing a feasibility study, these issues will be considered	

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10.	Eastern option will be very close to my house, what impact mitigation will there be?	to be assessed when details are looked into, noise, access, movement around village etc will be studied	this consultation is disturbing we hope that the worst option will be dropped early on this consultation.
11.	Why is eastern option b included as it is ridiculous?	appeared in error on draft and not removed!!!	
12.	Why consider J18a through Pucklechurch?	didn't know as didn't work on the project	should be manned by people who know what they are talking about
13.	What are the neg impacts of the western option?	it will harm the environment and local people / businesses	slightly vague about why J18a is even an option at all. lots of "there is probably support somewhere!!"
14.	Were other options the western option considered ref re alignment of M4?	yes but this is the most practical and cost effective	
15.	Why was Wick roundabout not even considered and shown as an option as it is right next to the M4?	no one could answer possibly too close to J19?	
16.	Consultation doc says option 2 was rejected. where is supporting information for this ? Option 2 is where I believe most were expecting j18a to be located	details will be provided in March 2018. land was not safeguarded and CPO of development land will be too costly (but what about saving from not moving the M4)	
17.	Will eastern option B remain in March 2018 report despite obvious unsuitability?	probably I was told the only reason eastern B is in the report is because it as leaked CH2M CLEARLY FEEL THIS OPTION will not progress	
18.	Why does the Western option require re- routing the M4 ?	to close to Sainsburys and 2 mins (2km) distance from slip road to J19	

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19.	Why was the Wick Wick roundabout not considered as an option?		
20.	What is the exact route of the Eastern option B?	That the road would go through or very near Homefield road where I live!!	not happy with the councils lack of care. very difficult to study the maps without road names etc.
21.	Surely the Lyde green option which is currently still a building site represents the best option for this piece of infrastructure ?	there are numerous factors to take into account which can not be fully explored until we have the results of the consultation.	
22.	Tell me the top 3 benefits and pitfalls of both option	there are numerous factors to take into account which can not be fully explored until we have the results of the consultation.	
23.	Where exactly options were going as I could not understand it properly on-line ?	Shown on maps so I have a better understanding	it was a helpful session and I am glad that I came
24.	Route 3 was not detailed/ worded in your exhibition. if Route A B and C were rejected what is the difference/ why is it still considered ?		
25.	Why is the western option no longer the preferred option?	because of the impact of flooding	
26.	Would the ruling about exit and entry roads on motorways affect the western option (i.e re M32)?	no. there can be the necessary distance between	

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THE MAPS:

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1.	Quality of maps not enough detail,	more details not relevant at this time	allotments not shown on this map
2.	Why are the maps so difficult to read? unable to see the details of the roads or names. there needs to be a more detailed map	it's early days the detail has not been decided yet.	most of them were not answered. simply a question of either "too early to comment" or we weren't aware. they were however polite
3.	Coal mines are missing from the map	Maps do not show full details yet!!!!	too little panning to make a real judgement
4.	We asked for exact road names so that we could see exactly where the proposed roads were going	it is conceptual at the moment	clearer about concept but feel the western option is still the ONLY one despite it costing more money.
5.	Where is Parkfield Rank and Coxgrove Hill on these maps?	were not sure - use your own map to locate them in the exhibition maps	
6.	I indicated where my property was in Homefield road it is completely obliterated by the line shown on the option B. I showed my concern that this would make my property non-saleable a	the person agreed. I was told that option B was the least likely to happen because of the listed buildings etc. he said that if he was a betting man option B was a no brainer. the person agreed. I was told that option B was the least likely to happen because of the listed buildings etc. he said that if he was a betting man option B was a no brainer.	this has caused me and my wife a lot of stress and suddenly because of option B we now have negative equity. Road names on your plans would be helpful s even your staff are not sure what's what
7.	Maps not very detailed	the exact details of the road lay out may change so think of it as just theoretical	

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8.	Asked about the other options that have been considered i.e. options 1,2,3a, 3b,4,4a,4b,4c- the maps were very unclear and Alistair explained the geography of the maps. allotments- what will happen to these?	allotments have special protection so good reason for objection	feel the bias is towards the eastern option
9.	Just to get the exact location of proposed eastern junction	answered fully	

FURTHER QUESTIONS:

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1.	Why lack of effort to reach hard to reach residents?	no details offered to answer question	eastern B should not have been considered, option concerns over house values and unregistered mine shafts and listed building
2.	Why not use the Willy Wickett?	doesn't meet current standards	white wash decision already made
3.	Mortgage company refused to loan	refer mortgage company to project manager should not be happening	SCG offered sympathy but no solutions
4.	Is it worth asking questions? I think they will build it if they want to		
5.	How does it meet the objectives?	relieves pressure by sending traffic elsewhere	biggest concerns maps so vague and impossible to understand detail.

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6.	Criticised for 'lying' for exclusion. why is Parkfield not shown as a settlement?		
7.	Why the junction in the first place ?	relief of traffic on the ring road or m4	include metro
8.	How these plans were drawn and dates he did his investigation ?	his colleagues will give at Siston tomorrow	
9.	We asked for dates of the survey on Shortwood Road	tell us tomorrow	
10.	How were plans drawn?		
11.	How far is the new motorway j18a to the M4?	no one had a clue	south glos put a complete and utter useless meeting to Pucklechurch residents
12.	Is the road going to be lit?	it's early days the detail has not been decided yet.	
13.	Why is there no bio diversity report for PC	it's early days the detail has not been decided yet.	
14.	How long is the proposed road?		
15.	Any advantage to Pucklechurch offered by the eastern option ?	700 cars a day ?? taken off village road	too little panning to make a real judgement
16.	Has poor design of housing in Lyde Green made moving the motorway necessary	Answer cloaked in evasive fog	too little panning to make a real judgement
17.	Will a revised consultation doc be issued including the omissions & discrepancies and will the surveys already filled in be disregarded as they	consultation doc would not be revised and re issued survey results will be take to future SGC meetings.	I'm concerned that other SG residents may already have filled in their survey based on the flawed consultation document and do not realise the impact it would have on the Pucklechurch, Siston, Parkfield shortwood community. surely these surveys should be disregarded

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	may have been based on in correct information ?		and a revised consultation issued before people make a decision (depending on if the survey carries any weight)
18.	Consultation doc does not put any emphasis on impact on personal population	he agreed	
19.	Challenged inbalance in written summaries	would look at only a concept doesn't have details will be able to provide more after march	
20.	Challenged why no need for upgrades to roundabouts north of the dramway	traffic flow model suggest no need for this!!!	
21.	Where did the support for existence of J18a come from?	it was put forward by the council but there was no official public support and not vote ever taken	
22.	Where the A4174 junction for the 18a link would be, what type and had they costed this in	no details at present as this is only a proposal	
23.	Had the designer walked the proposed route?	No outline plans still lot more details to collect.	totally unconvinced that the eastern options would deliver ANY traffic benefit
24.	Would it involve future routes to Yate?	possible road link to Yate	
25.	Do we need a junction at all?	yes. the traffic problems are not going away even if public transport and cycling are taken into consideration. A new junction has to be built and these options are given as a CONSIDERATION for routes. The government states ALL options have to be studied. Also when one of these options is built we will be spared 600 cars going through the village.	

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26.	How best to set out an objection letter and how the decisions are made	separate each objection	i found the consultation informative but I am still not at all happy about the planned junction
27.	You are proposing a triangle of doom for Shortwood ?	Yes	
28.	What's the point in an consultation when you haven't the facts?	western option may be more expensive but out does the eastern options in terms of the benefits it will deliver (better bcr)- [REDACTED]	
29.	Where do I live?	I don't know	many people were unable to read the plans without street name
30.	We have known for many years that 18a was being considered near Lyde green. why have we allowed recent development to take place adjacent to the m4 which now means the M4 has to be moved to accommodate the western route option?		
31.	Why would the M4 need realigning for the western route?	need more room for it	
32.	Why consider J18A to run through Pucklechurch	[REDACTED] explained more than one option has to be examined. government provide funding and expect all options to be looked at. the plans shown are in the early stages and therefore not totally accurate. will need to be tweaked when an option is finally chosen. chosen area will need to be examined in much greater detail	
33.	Could not explain to me several justifications for the eastern options	totally inadequate justifications/ explanations	

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	<p>including an upgrade of Pucklechurch/Kingswood current road, upgrading of ring road already in place, opening the green belt between Pucklechurch and Bristol making the western expansion of Bristol far more likely, leading to the urbanisation of the village of Pucklechurch with consequent loss of property value at the cost of Pucklechurch evidences. lack of consideration of the impact of the northern space from the proposed junction towards Westerleigh and the impact on traffic on the B4465 and other routes in the area, fact of consideration of the effect of traffic coming south from Downend etc on existing ring road to avoid M32/ M4 junction etc etc</p>		
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