



MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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BEARS WAY

Dear Mr Cornes,

PHASE 2

We believe any decision to proceed to the next stage is premature and the public participation exercise was deeply flawed with acrimonious public meetings, no evidential justification of the proposals and only a comparison of options

Phase 1 issues must be resolved before any further proposals are considered with any lessons learnt incorporated in any future pragmatic proposals.

We wish however to highlight that one of the options is to reduce the 4 lane road adjacent to ASDA to a two lane section which will halve the capacity in an area which is severely congested at peak periods.

The Phase 2 proposals according to Consultants will not cause congestion. Even a non-technical observer would find the foregoing statement unjustifiable and incomprehensible.

Similarly, at the Roman Road Boclair Road junction two approach lanes to the traffic lights reduce to one which is not only impractical, it is potentially dangerous.

There is a lack of trust in the impartiality of the consultation process. There is a perception that decisions about Bears Way have already been made, at least in principle, given that a paper with a recommendation is being taken to the September meeting of Council which seems unnecessarily expeditious and there is a commonly-held belief that its' agencies and lobby groups external to the Council which are 'pulling the strings' in this matter. This is in addition to the lack of any evidence that a majority of local residents want the proposed development to proceed at all. The communities of Milngavie and Bearsden believe that it is being imposed on them. This doing untold damage to the Council's reputation

I am not sure that EDC appreciate the deep concern and emotive issues generated by the Bears Way proposals in the communities. This will undoubtedly reflect on public opinion in the future local Council elections.

A possible way forward would be to undertake a 'public enquiry' with an independent Reporter with professional evidence submitted by all parties to establish a fair independent judgement

I trust the foregoing will be given due consideration.

Yours sincerely

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