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Dear Mrs Pantry

A57 Improvement Scheme – Residents Meeting 5 September 2014

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 September 2014 and the attached note from a meeting held on 5 September 2014. Even though the detail of the improvement scheme was examined in public during 2011 and the Secretary of State subsequently confirmed the scheme, following completion, there is a process of evaluation which will continue for a considerable time. This evaluation process includes a stage 3 Road Safety Audit, and a monitoring and evaluation exercise which takes place between 12 and 24 months after opening, considering safety, capacity, and journey times amongst the requirements. A stage 4 Road Safety Audit and further monitoring review are undertaken at 3 and 5 years after opening to further evaluate the scheme. I hope the above information will satisfy any concerns that a full comprehensive evaluation will be undertaken. Continuing liaison will be held with South Yorkshire Police during the process, and in this regard I have already held a meeting with Inspector Serhatlic, who I understand has met with yourself and other residents.

I have noted the concerns raised in the note from the meeting, which appear to fall within four areas of concern: the A57/Goosecarr Lane junction, the link between M1 Junction 31 and Todwick Roundabout, the Todwick Roundabout and a footpath link on Todwick Road to the north of the new roundabout.

Firstly, with regard to the junction of the A57 and Goosecarr Lane, no safety matters have been raised in the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit report which are cause for concern. The junction format is consistent with national design standards for this type of road and road signing and road markings accord with those standards. It would not be appropriate to consider short lengths of carriageway where a different speed limit would apply, as speed limits should be consistent along a link.

Secondly, concerning the link from the M1 Junction 31 and the Todwick Roundabout, a decision was made to implement a scheme with a partial system of street lighting and accords with current standards. The most important areas for consideration of street lighting are around major junctions and formalised crossing points and this has been achieved throughout the scheme. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit includes a night time visit and no areas of significant concern were raised.

The access to Todwick Grange, where you have highlighted conspicuity issues was designed to have a system of reflective road studs across the access and this will be addressed as soon as practicable; I hope this will satisfy your concerns. The link has been designed in accordance with the requirements for a 50 mph speed limit, and consequently it is considered that this speed limit is appropriate.

Thirdly, considering the Todwick Roundabout, the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has raised some issues with the road markings at the junction and these are currently being addressed. You may have noticed that, one issue raised, direction arrows on the carriageway approaches to the roundabout have recently been implemented in accordance with the Audit recommendations. Investigations with regard to queues and delays will be undertaken as part of the monitoring and evaluation plan.

Finally, with regard to a continuous footway on Todwick Road, works are currently underway to provide a continuous footway link from the Todwick Roundabout towards Dinnington. This feature was not part of the original scheme, although funding has been secured to provide a link to the existing footway, which exists from a point in the vicinity of the junction with Pocket Handkerchief Lane.

I hope that the above gives assurance that the scheme has been implemented to the appropriate national standards. The improvement scheme will still be evaluated through a rigorous monitoring and evaluation process as required by the Department for Transport, who provided funding for the scheme.

Yours sincerely

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