

Day Ten

Gwyn White

Mrs White read her proof of evidence.

Mrs White said that the alleged shift in public opinion was not influenced by Cllr de Rhe-Philipe, but by the amount of traffic affecting residents in Westbury.

Mrs White said that there had been no reduction in traffic as a result of soft measures.

Mrs White said that posters in windows are evidence of a shift in public opinion.

Cross Examination

Most of your proof is concerned with what being a pedestrian is like. Do you know whether WTC have ever approached WCC to ask them to do something about widening pavements?

- I did a long email to the council highlighting pavements
- Road is too narrow to allow pavement widening

Council have prioritised vehicle movement over pedestrian movement?

- Something must be done about lorries before pedestrian improvements can be attempted.

Has anyone approached WCC to call for limits on HGVs at certain times at the day?

- HGVs travel through town throughout the day.

Issues to do with contribution the school run makes to congestion.

- Most of the people who use cars to take children to school do not use A350.

Point is that rush hour congestion is a national problem. Significant proportion attributable to school run. If car journeys during school run reduced, and HGV movements restricted in rush hour, situation for pedestrians improves?

- Assuming that people only go into town at rush hour
- Lorries use town at all times

HGV ban on Station Rd part of scheme. WCC does have power to limit HGV movements?

- How come council only closes road at night, cannot even close road for roadworks

Accept that there are things that the WCC can do other than a bypass?

-I would like to know what it is.

-Bypass brings lorries onto road that is purpose built for them

Familiar with solutions to congestion in settlements where bypass not possible?

-Don't know what town you are talking about.

Unaware of traffic management measures other than bypasses?

-Congestion charging or bus scheme, could work in city but not in rural town like WSB

-Most traffic in Westbury is on its way to somewhere else

If people bypass town centre, what impact will that have on commerce?

-Less traffic will encourage people to visit town centre

How many pedestrian crossings are there on Warminster Rd?

-One

Would improve experience for pedestrians if more crossings included?

-Possibly one near Matravers School

What about pedestrian controlled traffic crossings?

-Would be helpful, but would not make it safer to walk along pavement

One of the issues for WSB residents is road safety?

-Agreed

20mph zone. Emissions increase?

-Sometimes traffic is lucky to get to that speed.

-Could be effective once lorries removed.

Express particular concern about large HGVs and the risk they pose to pedestrians. What instances of accidents between HGVs and peds have there been?

-Don't have accident statistics