

The Putney Road Link Road Scheme:

Why the Council should think again about building this link road

The council carried out traffic modelling for 4 peak hour periods: morning and evening, and westbound and eastbound. In traffic modelling all benefits, such as reduced congestion, and reduced CO2 and other emissions, are calculated from savings in journey times. This is what the traffic modelling showed:

The scheme functions as a link road in only one of four peak hour periods.

When it does function as a link road journey times increase. It makes the road network less efficient and all outcomes from the link road are negative.

When used as a link road it increases congestion and increases emissions which damage air quality and contribute to climate change.

All the claimed benefits from the scheme are created by improving local access from Aylestone Road. There are no benefits created when it is used as a link road.

If it functioned fully as a link road in all four peak hour periods there would be no benefits at all from the scheme. The link road would cancel out the benefits gained from improving local access to the business area from Aylestone Road. The scheme as a whole would then create longer journey times, more congestion, more emissions, and lower air quality. The more it functions as a link road, the worse it gets.

The scheme will not reduce rat-running through side roads. Rat-running is used to avoid congestion and make quicker journeys. The evidence shows the link road increases journey times which means congestion has increased. Rat-running will increase to avoid the additional congestion.

The scheme fails to meet its objectives. There is no evidence to support either need or demand for this link road and none which show that it works.

All of this is shown by the council's own evidence in the traffic modelling. Why is this link road being built when all the evidence is against it? Why is a large amount of public money being used in this way? It is time to think again before it is too late.

For more detailed information use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yaz6wt2a>