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By email

Dear Councillor Jones,

RE: Development and Regeneration Performance Panel 2nd November 2021

With reference to your letter of 1st December following the meeting of the panel on 2nd November which raised points for further information and discussion I would provide the following response:

- 1) Clarification of the quantitative data behind cycling statistics, particularly relating to the number of people cycling for leisure and/or work.

I can confirm the Authority has a number of automatic cycle counters placed on strategic cycle infrastructure throughout the county. These show a general increase in the total number of cyclists using cycle paths, but cannot differentiate between journey purpose.

Cycle trips increased significantly during the first lockdown in 2020, which due to closed businesses and workplaces, would seem to be driven by an increase in leisure trips. 2021 has seen daily cycle flows remain at this level, this would tend to suggest that although leisure was the cause of the initial increase, people have continued to cycle for alternative purposes as restrictions have eased. As part of ongoing active travel improvements additional cycle counters are being installed as part of new routes, with a specific grant bid to expand our coverage.

- 2) Please provide any relevant information or travel plans in relation to rural areas beyond the City Centre.

The Transportation Strategy presented at panel was focused on the city centre. There are alternative work streams, Active Travel, Strategic Bus Corridors, seeking to deliver improvements outside of the city centre.

- 3) In relation to Dyfatty and Fforestfach junctions, we would like to know has there been an appraisal of traffic flow.

Although in overall terms traffic levels across the city are broadly at pre-pandemic levels albeit with a significantly altered profile. The Carmarthen Road corridor is distinct from the other arterial routes in that flows remain less than pre-pandemic levels.

Improvements for Dyfatty have been appraised, modelled and design proposals are being formalised to bid for the necessary finance.

Improvements at Fforestfach Cross were found to be a necessary consequence of Strategic Development area at Pentre Rhosir, and these will be delivered under Section 106.

- 4) Are there any proposals to be expected for a congestion charge scheme in Swansea City Centre?

It can be confirmed there are no proposals for a congestion charge scheme.

- 5) In relation to Singleton and Morriston Hospital, what are the plans for car parking provision and transport links between the two sites?

Car parking provision at the hospital sites is a matter for the Local Health Board to address. The Council has provided infrastructure to enable high frequency, high quality bus route linking the two, bus route 4. Also new active travel routes have been delivered along the A48, linking the DVLA, and further routes are proposed in the vicinity to link to the NCN.

Yours sincerely



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