

In CS 10 site specific principles section c it refers to a 'future South West Macclesfield Link Road.' This proposed road was objected to by over 3000 signatures to the Save Macclesfield Greenbelt Petition. The council officers and elected officials have repeatedly stated that this road will not be included in the plan.

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Subject: Re: Link Road (New Major Road) South West Macclesfield

Thank you for your email.

To be clear the proposed road from the Chelford road to the Congleton road across SW Macc is most definitely NOT to be included in the local plan. It has been rejected after consultation.

The relief road mentioned should be the congleton relief road or the South Macc Development.

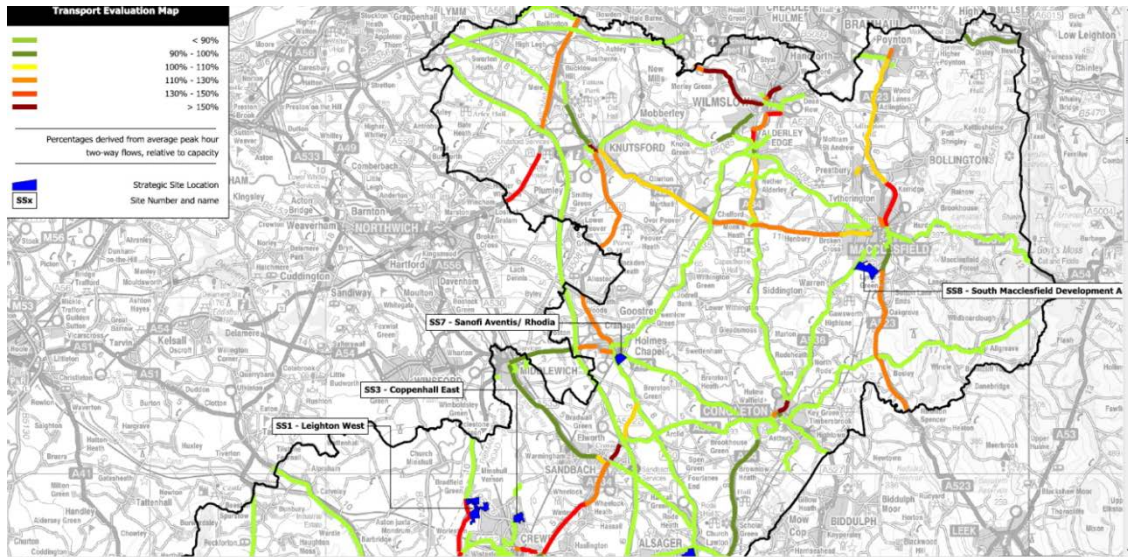
I think, and I apologise, if we have confused you, this consultation may contain information that would reflect former consultations but I can confirm we are focusing on central Macc highways priorities.

I will also have further news on safeguarded land in the next few weeks.

Yours

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Councillor Michael Jones
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- a. This road was objected to by residents, was not supported by the highways assessment carried out by Cheshire East.
- b. The proposed road connecting the A523 (London Road), A536 (Congleton Road), Gawsworth Road, B5392 (Pexhill Road) and the A537 (Chelford Road) will simply move traffic between congestion points along roads under network stress - carrying more cars than their capacity.
- c. Traffic travelling from the South and South West of Macclesfield would not take the link road if travelling into town. Traffic from the same direction will already have had the opportunity to join the A34 for South Manchester at Congleton. Traffic from the South of Macclesfield heading north into Poynton will not change route onto this road.



- d. The proposed road is not a link road or a relief road. The Planning Inspectors report of 1997 which included the same road stated that *'looking at road T5, this is only to facilitate development.'* In the Economic Master Plan of 2010 that the road was not a strategic highway and would therefore had to be funded not from national road infrastructure funding but privately.
- e. The only conclusion that can be drawn from this information is that the construction of this road is simply to allow the developer to build on this site.
- f. No information is provided by Cheshire East Council on the volume of traffic that would follow this road with or without the housing development.
- g. No information is given to the potential cross border problems as this traffic meets the A6 and A34 heading into Manchester.
- h. Before a new road is considered it is important to demonstrate environmental considerations have been assessed. There is no evidence of this in the Cheshire East consultation plan.

