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Dear Chris

Gloucester South West Bypass Consultation- Llanthony Road – Widening

Further to attending the public share event on 11 July 2017, the Trust would like to make the following comments on the scheme.

The Trust agrees the principles of the road widening scheme and have viewed the draft plans and timetable.

We are pleased to see that the pedestrian route along the Llanthony walls is being widened, thus reducing the level of salt spray against the walls, which have been detrimentally affected during the past few years, since the opening of the bypass and additional traffic flows. This aspect will be welcomed by Historic England given the listed grade1 and scheduled monument status of the both the wall and gatehouse.

The Trust has been in extensive contact with Neil Troughton at Highways regarding the alternative option of a roundabout from the access off St Annes Way. Additionally, the Trust has had contact with the various stakeholders/landowners – Peel, Marston, McCarthy & Stone as well as Historic England – and achieved an agreement to progress the alternative simple roundabout access.

We believe that this is a major key to unlocking the bypass scheme. However, the Trust, as a charitable body is dependent on grant funds to achieve its current works, and therefore does not have funds for the roundabout scheme outside its site boundary.

In discussion at the public share event, it was indicated that the Council are including the roundabout in their bid for funds, but it was not clear whether this would be part of the major bid or subject to a secondary bid.

The Trust has concern that the plans show no provision regarding our current access onto this busy road, especially for traffic turning right both in and out of the site. How would the site be accessed from traffic approaching from the Bristol direction if the St Anne's way roundabout proposal is not delivered as an enabling element?

There was also discussion on the timing of the whole scheme, and if the roundabout was to be funded, whether it would be possible to start this prior to the main work, as enabling works.

Whilst we remain fully supportive of the road widening proposal, it does only appear to work effectively if an alternative access for Llanthony Secunda Priory can be achieved. Achieving this would allow the trust to rescind the existing access and thereby enable a more effective traffic frontage on to Llanthony Road. We would appreciate consideration of our concerns.

Yours sincerely

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