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CABINET - 12 SEPTEMBER 2025**COMMENTS FROM MRS. ANN PENDLEBURY CC IN RELATION TO
AGENDA ITEM 11****A5 Concept Link**11th September 2025

Dear Member

I am writing to you as Cabinet Member in regards to agenda item 11 of the scheduled Cabinet meeting for Friday 12th September 2025, the A5 Concept Link

While I completely agree the Dodwells Island junction is already struggling with traffic jams and long delays and is likely to get worse given the significant increase in housing targets by this government and the imminent Warwickshire approved Padge Hall Farm development, a solution is desperately needed to resolve this issue however I believe there needs to be significant mitigation measures. My concerns are as follows:

1. The road that this will cross into, Roston Drive, is a wide road with no form of mitigation to slow traffic, for which both myself and the previous County Councillor have consistently asked that action takes place on reports of speeding.
2. It has a number of older adults living along this stretch with nearby shops, there is no crossing in place. This road will become the main entrance to Hinckley by traffic users coming south down the A5.
3. There are schools on nearby streets both North and South of Roston Drive and we are encouraging children to walk/cycle to school through the Active Travel Campaigns. This road has no cycle routes, again there is no crossing and this would effectively be an extension to the Concept Link/Normandy Way without any of the safeguards and let's remember there have been several accidents including fatalities within the last twelve months on Normandy Way.
4. Roston Drive ends at a park, there is a 90degree left hand turn into Outlands Drive which I believe will result in a significant increase in road accidents especially in poor weather so again mitigation would be needed.
5. From Outlands Drive your options to access the town centre are Westray Drive or Lismore Drive, these are residential streets which are narrow with cars parked along most days at most times of day. Westray Drive (represented by Mr Bray CC) has a very popular park (Hollycroft Park) along one side. You would then turn into

Hollycroft which has traffic lights and generally is already backed up most mornings. Mr Bray confirms there has in the past been speeding concerns raised in this area – though the speed reduction measures installed have divided residents.

6. If alternatively, you chose to access the town through Outlands Drive, I have footage of two accidents along this hill/slope during cold weather and again this is a popular school route.
7. Roston Drive used to have signage restricting heavy goods vehicles. While I know this signage is no longer in place, we would again have HGVs using this road and hitting all the pinch points described above alongside all the housing estates into the night.
8. There are a number of side roads off Roston Drive which have already had issues with speeding including Broddick Road and Glenbarr Drive, this will get worse.
9. The improvements to the A5 were approved by the local authority over 20 years ago and have still not materialised and yet National Highways have approved development despite the given increase in traffic and the previously planned mitigation.
10. Normandy Way needs speed reduction measures. County Councillor Mullaney and I would both ask for this to be a priority.

Thank you

Cllr Ann Pendlebury

County Councillor for Hollycroft