

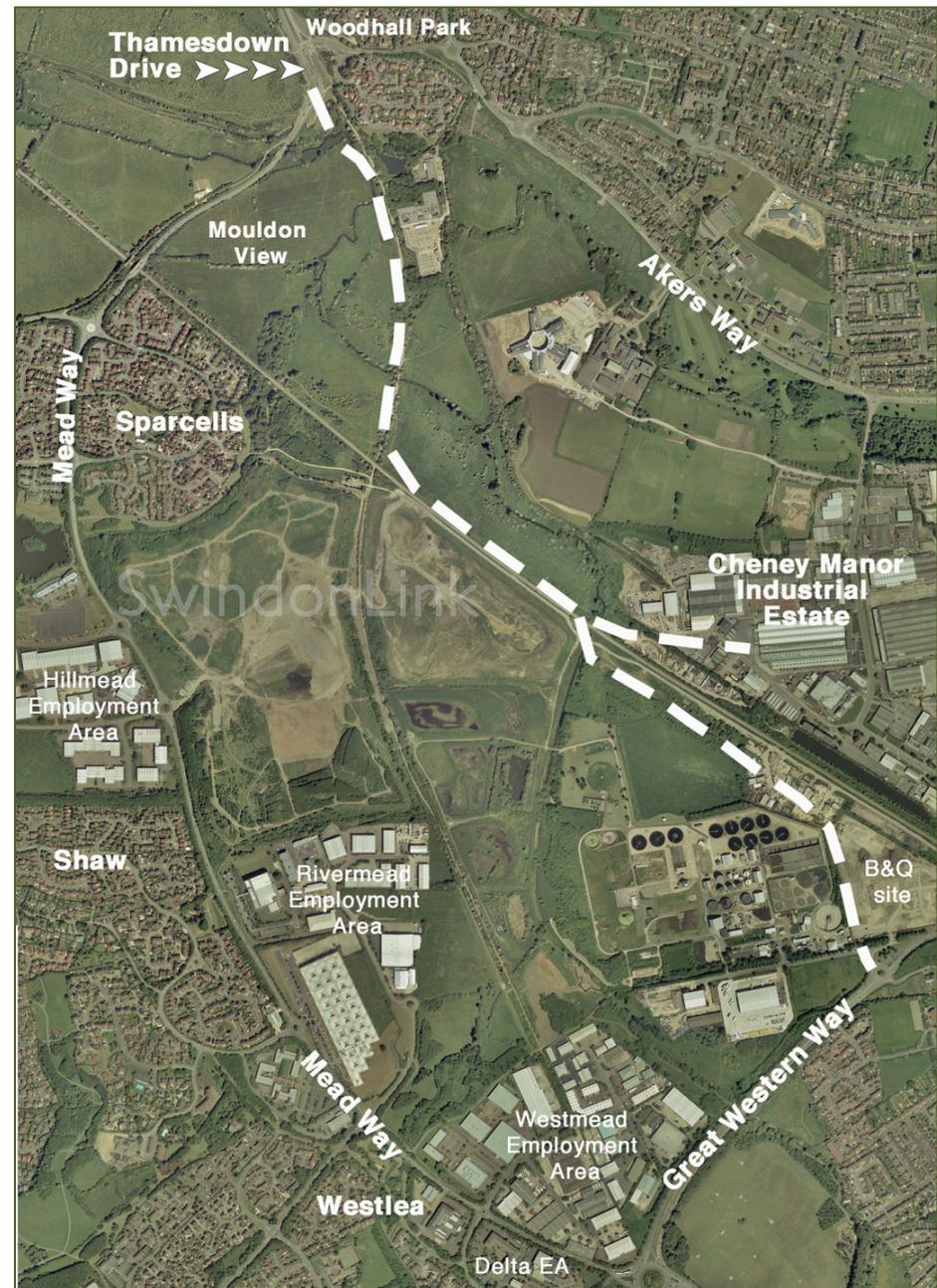
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Thamesdown Drive Extension to Barnfield

Public Meeting
14 April 2015

Route – an artists impression

- Spur into Cheney Manor industrial estate
- Additional railway crossing
- Majority of Mead Way traffic headed to J16
- Great Western Way junction improvements required



Thamesdown Drive Extension Group (T-DeX)

An open federation of non-political organisations

Mission: through informed non-political contributions to the decision-making process, ensure SBC improves the highways infrastructure in North and West Swindon and eliminates any further delays in delivering the Thamesdown Drive to Great Western Way link road

Objectives:

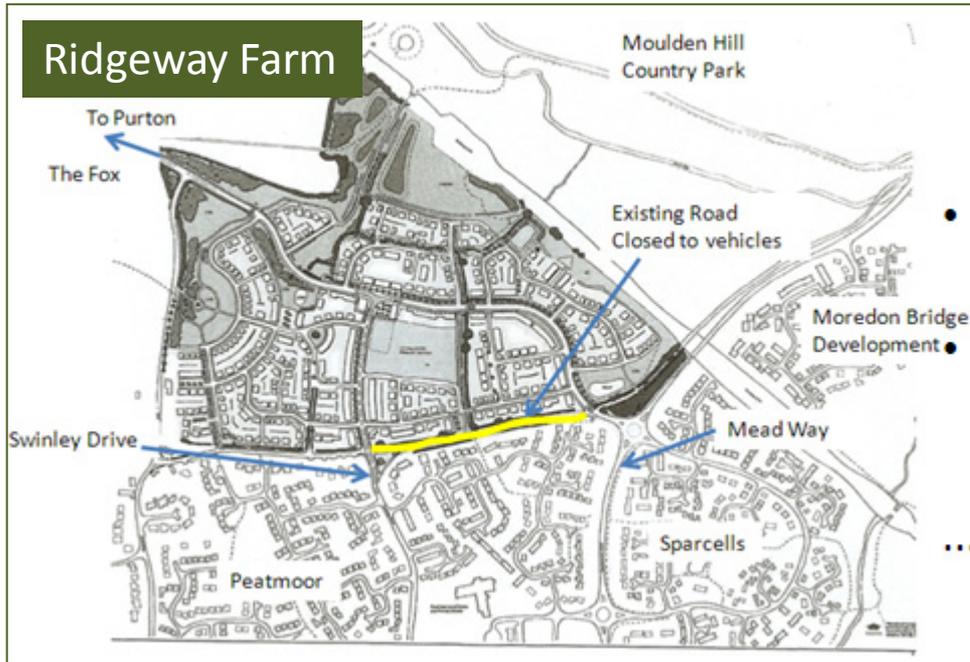
1. Be the barometer of **public opinion** and ensure an open non-politically motivated membership
2. Ensure **membership or liaison** with all related organisations (e.g. SBC committees, working groups, LEP etc.)
3. Develop **business cases**
4. Develop **quality of life** arguments
5. Contribute to proposals to improve **existing highways** infrastructure
6. Develop **environmental** arguments
7. **Future proof** arguments

Its all history now.....

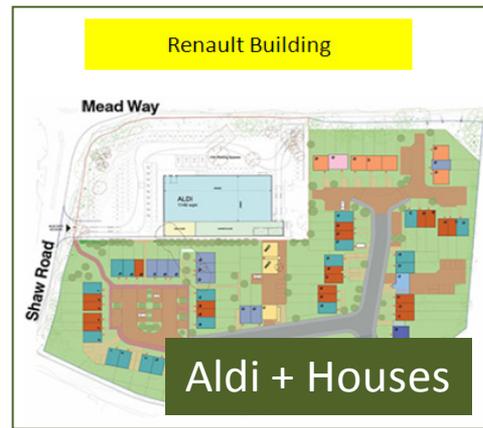
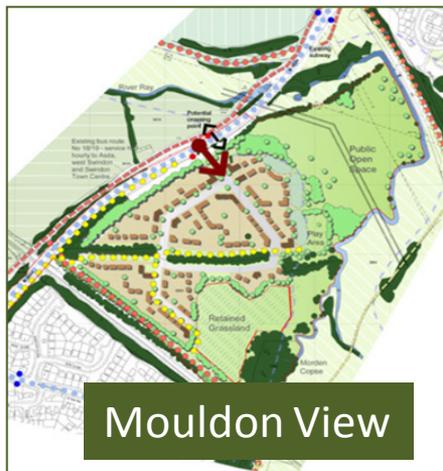


- Planned / required with North Swindon Development
 - S106 highways contribution not enough
 - Renegotiated and used elsewhere
- Infrastructure funding hard to justify after development completed
- Several consultant reports compiled
- Present estimated cost = £39.5m (under railway)

...but future Mead Way jams will get worse



55% of a gherkin!



SBC Local plan approx 27,000 more homes by 2025 – what happens after 2025?

Swindon Link Magazine in partnership with the Shaw Residents' Association

Thamesdown Drive Extension Survey



Thamesdown Drive Extension Survey

Organised by Link Magazine Et Shaw Residents' Association

For this response to be counted it is essential you provide:

Your name: and post code:

All answers to the survey will be held in the strictest confidence.
The published results will not be in any way traceable to respondents.

To be entered into the prize draw, please provide your:

Email address:

Or postal address, if no email:

- Do you agree that the proposed link road between Thamesdown Drive and Great Western Way should be built?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- In your opinion, how important is the construction of this link road?

a) Not important	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Somewhat important	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Important	<input type="checkbox"/>	d) Very important	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Extremely important	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- Taking into account the status of the plans for this road, as reported on the left, how do you rate Swindon Borough Council's current proposals?

a) A waste of resource	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Insufficient	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) OK	<input type="checkbox"/>	d) Good	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Perfect	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- Within what timescale do you think the road should be completed?

a) Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) 10+ years	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) 6 - 10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	d) 3 - 6 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) 1 - 3 years	<input type="checkbox"/>		
- How concerned are you about any potential harm to the environment the building of this road may cause?

a) Very concerned - don't build it	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Manage the environmental impact , but build it	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) I have no opinion on the subject	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The wider benefits outweigh any concerns	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Not concerned	<input type="checkbox"/>
- What improvements do you think are appropriate for Mead Way and Akers Way (tick all that apply)?

	Mead Way	Akers Way
Convert all of it into a dual carriageway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Convert parts of it into a dual carriageway	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Provide additional filter lanes at roundabouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install traffic lights at all or some roundabouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No improvements required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build a new road parallel to it	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create additional car parking to enable banning on-road parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- On average how many weekdays do you drive or are a passenger in a car during the morning and evening rush hours

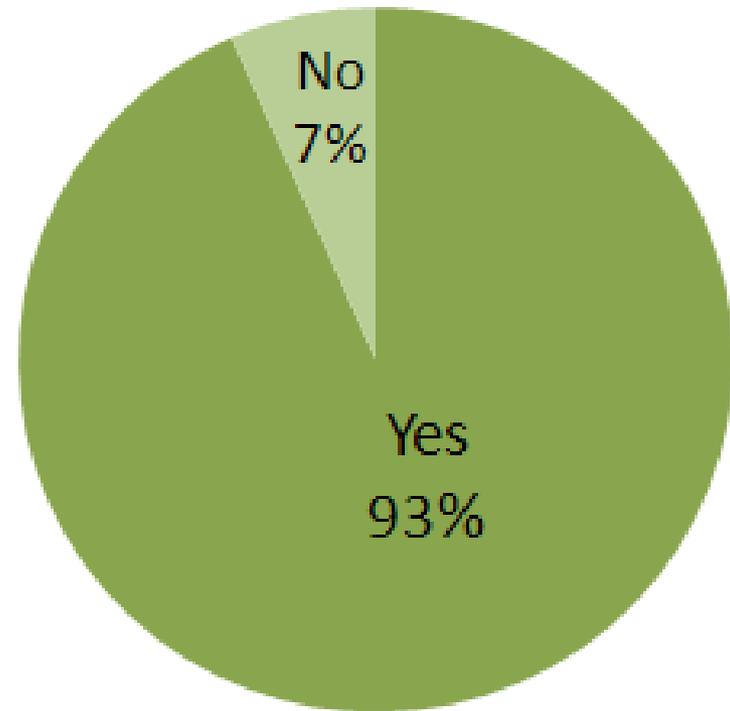
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and the survey said.....

393 responses

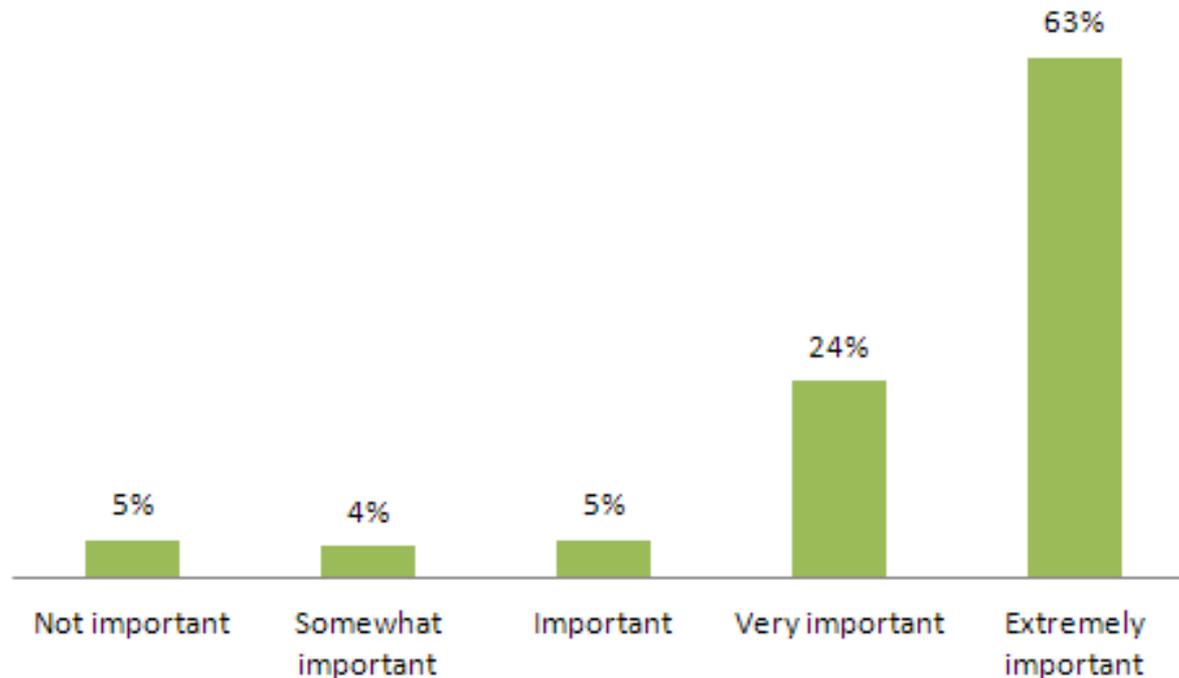
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More detail on 'no vote' rational later



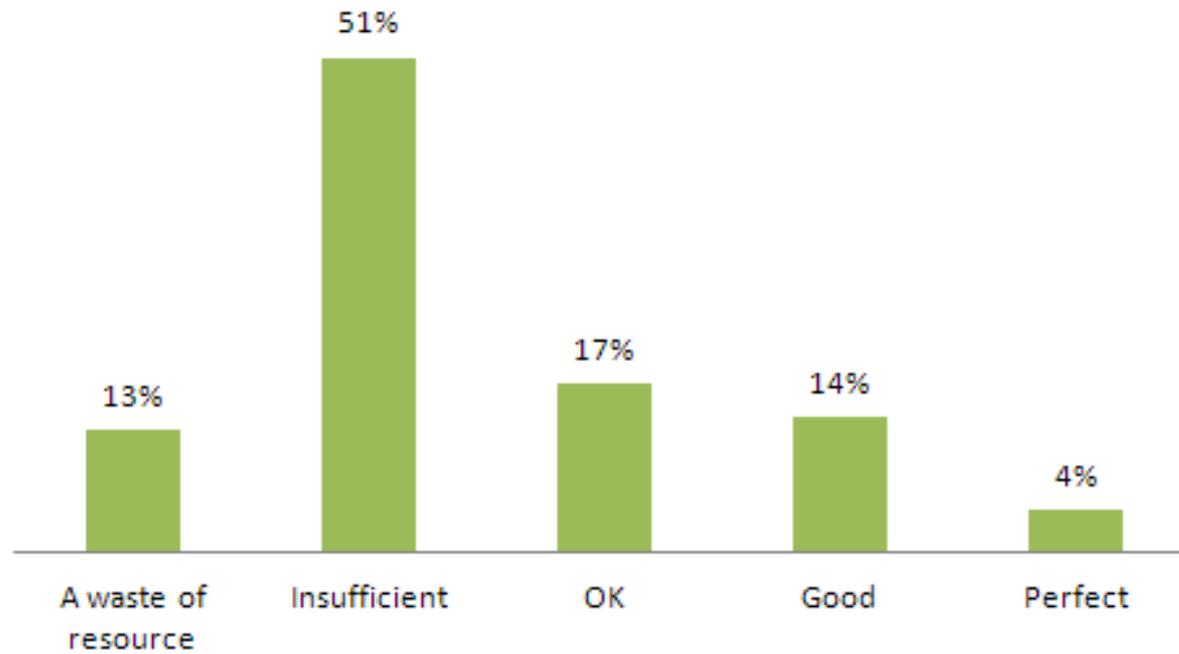
in your opinion how important is the construction of this link road?

- 87% of respondents see it as 'very' or 'extremely' important
- Although 7% do not agree with the building of the road, fewer (5%) see it as not important



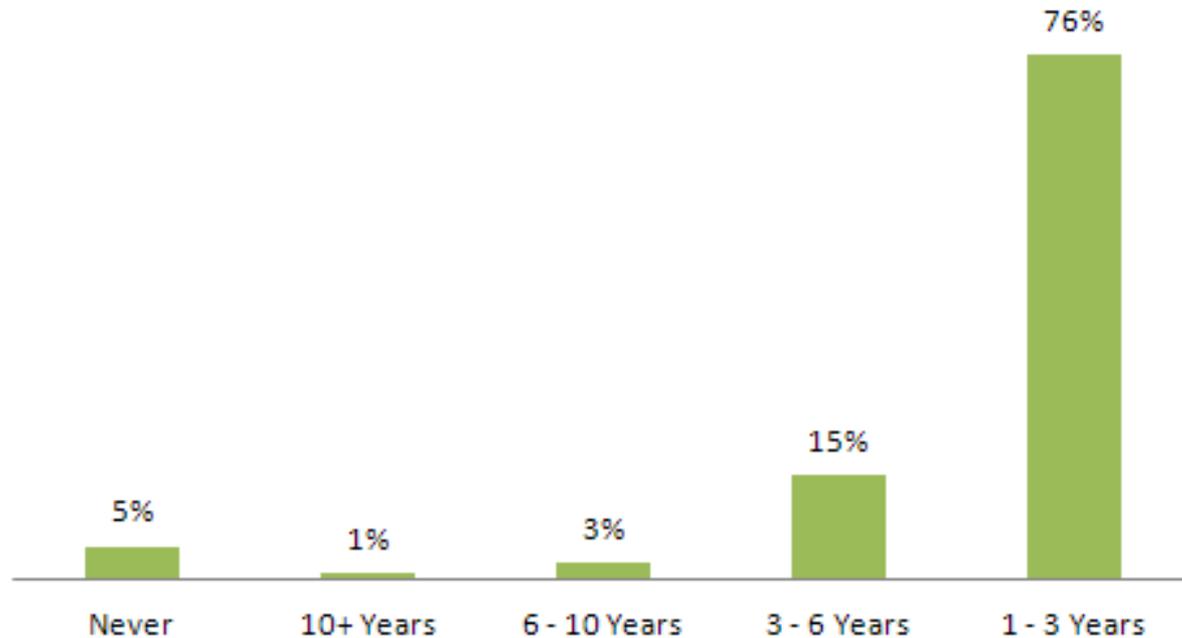
how do you rate SBC's current proposals?

- Whilst 87% of people see the road as very important, over half see SBC efforts as insufficient
- Many respondents who want the road, actually see SBC as wasting resources in their efforts



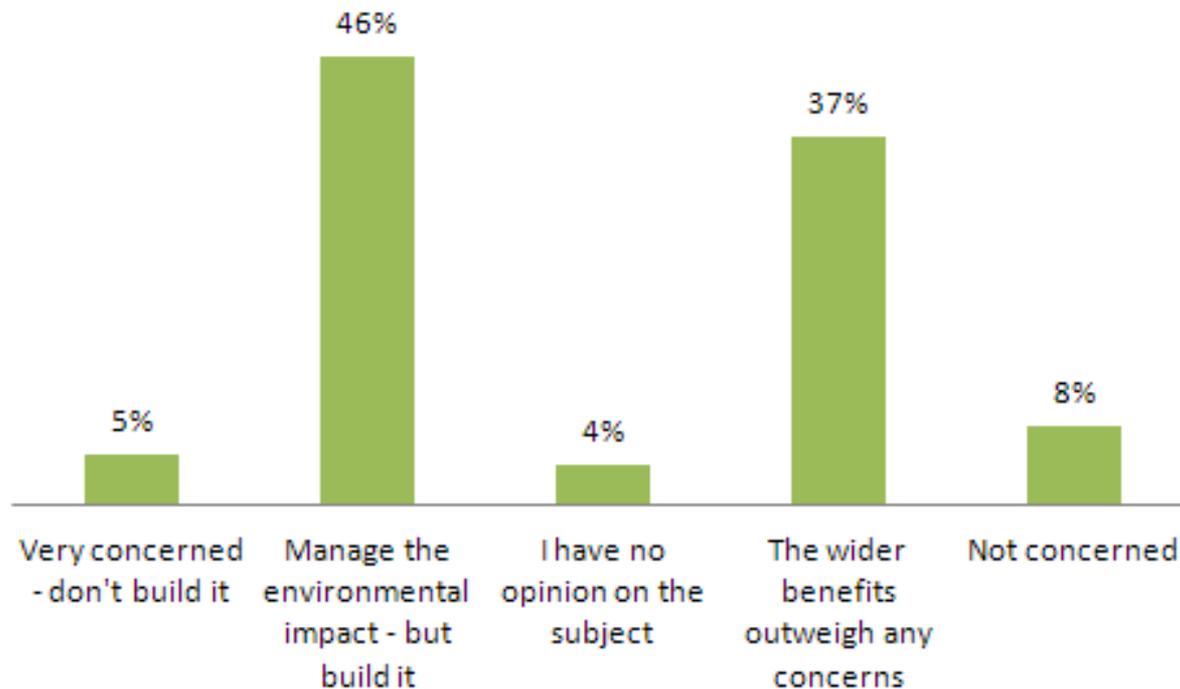
within what timescales do you think the road should be completed?

- 91% want it built within six years!
- Even if funds were not an issue – could it be built that fast?



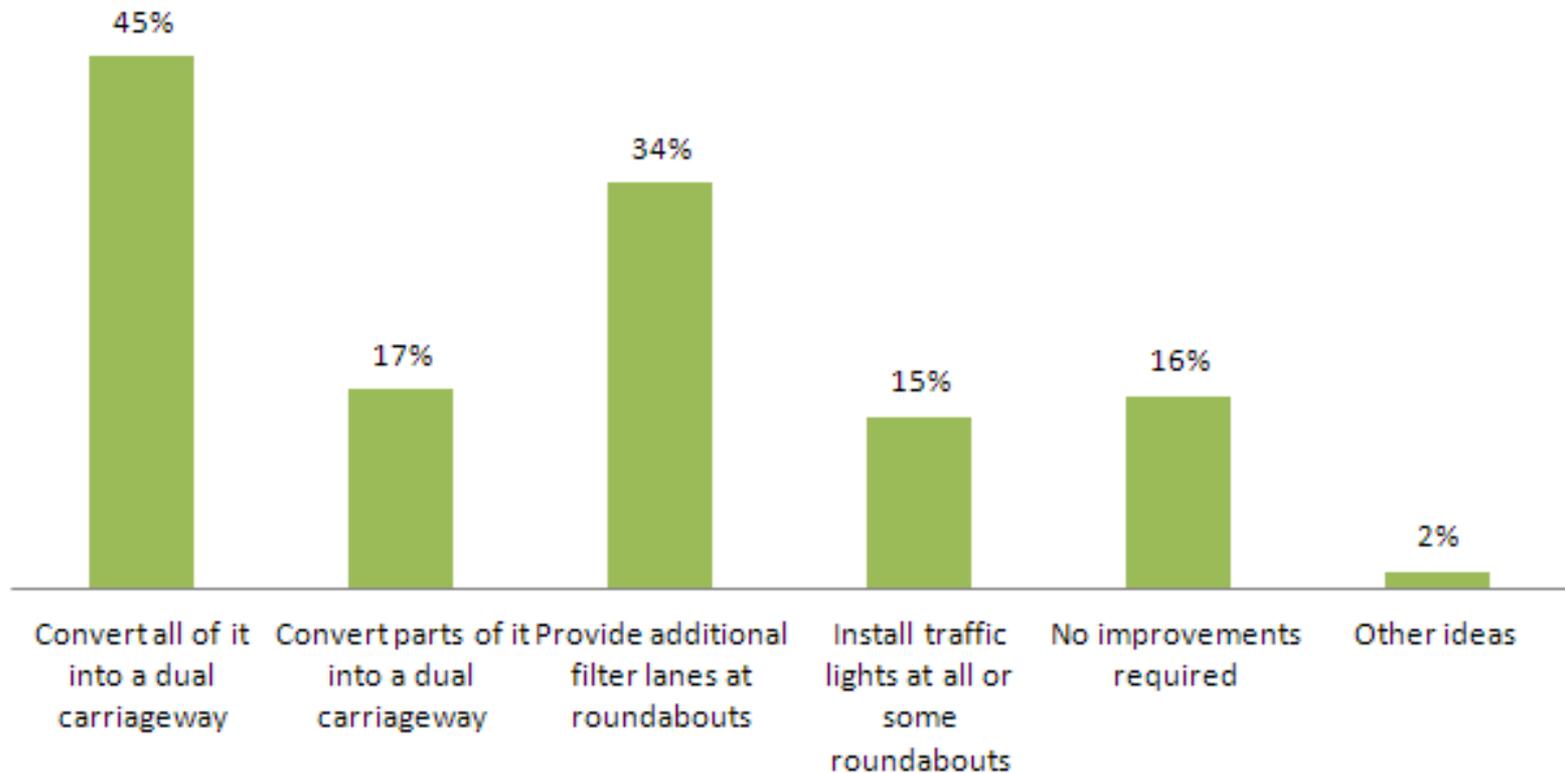
How concerned are you about the potential harm to the environment the building of this road may cause?

- Several negative comments related to environmental issues received – details later



what improvements do you think are appropriate for Mead Way?

- No clear consensus – although 45% would like to see it as a dual carriageway, by definition 55% do not agree

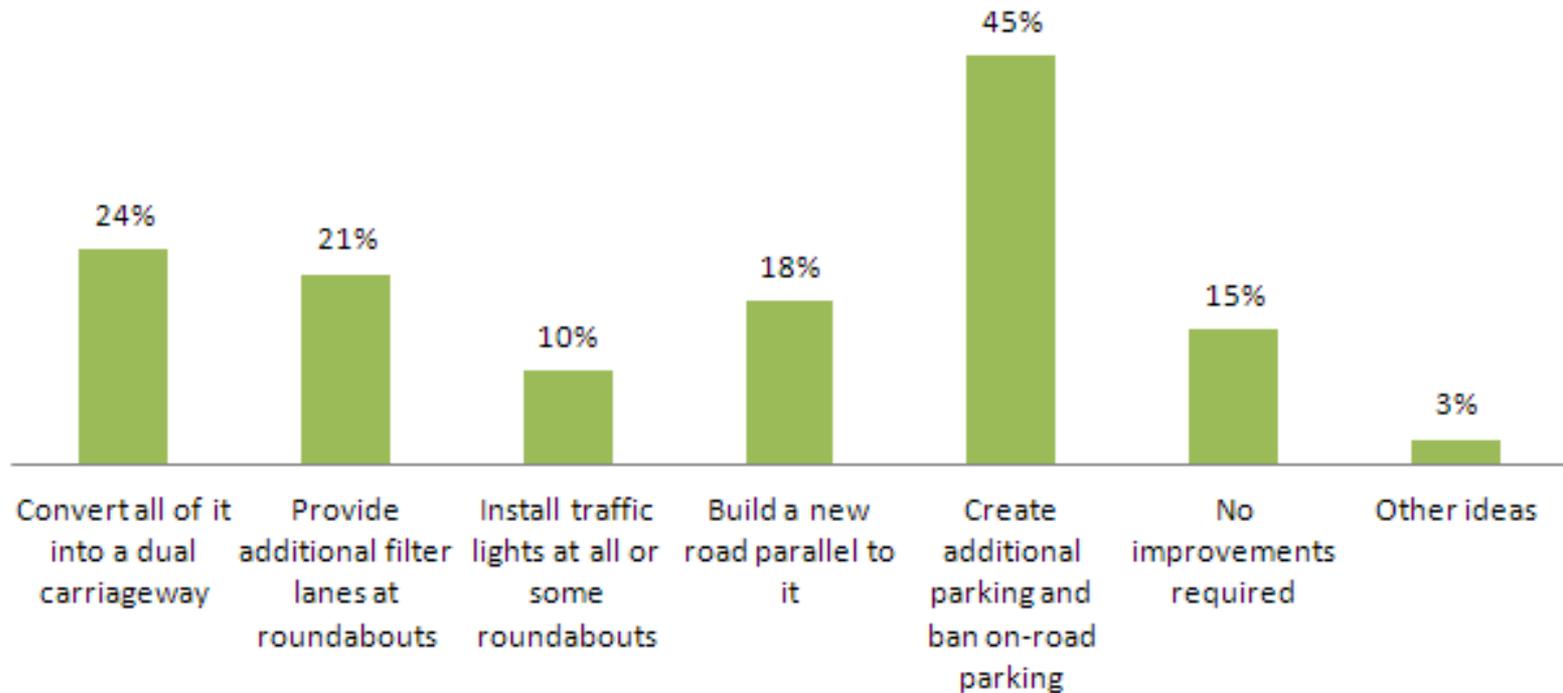


other ideas for Mead Way

- Note: Data represents eleven respondents
 - Footpath / cycleway along length of Mead Way
 - Dual one side only at either end
 - ‘Merge in turn’ signs
 - Add a bus lane at southern end
 - Off road bus stops
 - Reduce the number of access points
 - Signpost alternative routes

what improvements do you think are appropriate for Akers Way?

- Even less consensus than Mead Way



other ideas for Akers Way

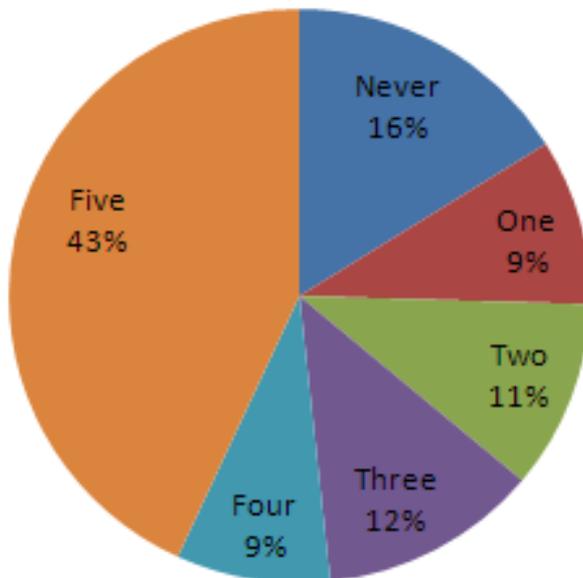
- Note: data represents 29 respondents
 - Resurface and improve drainage and gullies
 - School related
 - Extra road / entrance to school
 - Remove lights at entrance to school
 - Put the pedestrian bridge back
 - Install fence to stop children crossing road away from dedicated crossings
 - Separate the cycleway and footpath
 - Speed bumps, 20mph limit
 - Give priority to buses
 - Off road bus stops
 - Ban HGV's

other highways comments

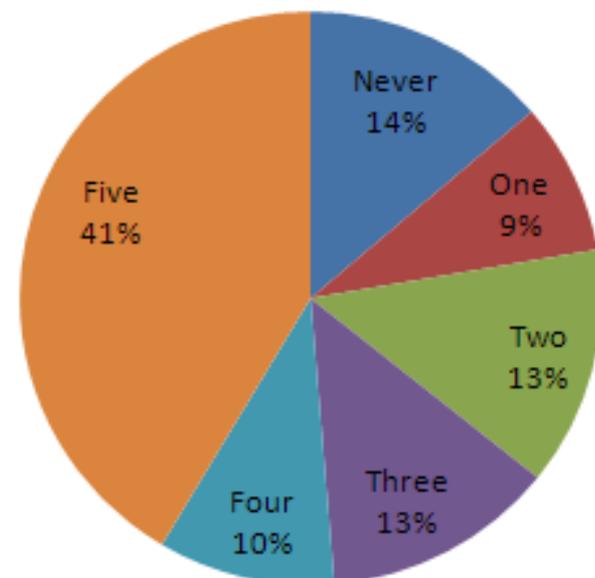
- Note: data represents sixteen respondents
 - Wiltshire's roads
 - Traffic calm B4534
 - Gate Hook Street
 - Moulden view junction concerns
 - Improve M4/J16
 - Link road from A419 direct to J16
 - Travel preferences
 - Reduce school run traffic
 - Encourage more use of cycles
 - Encourage more use of buses
 - Cycleway for cycles only
 - No more house building until infrastructure in place
 - Canal concerns
 - Flyovers on GWW roundabouts

on average how often do you drive during the rush hours?

- No obvious link between driving habits and opinions on road build



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reasons not to build it

– ten people with these views

- Travel preferences
 - It will encourage more car use
 - Changing travel time is solution
 - School traffic is cause on Akers Way
 - Reduce rate of single occupancy cars
 - Will not take traffic away from Rodbourne Cheney and Mead Way
 - Will not be used by M4 bound traffic
- Existing infrastructure
 - Will lead to more congestion on GWW and Bruce Street bridges
 - Barnfield roundabout cannot cope today
 - Replace lights on Thamesdown Drive with roundabouts
- Public transport
 - Spend the money on public transport
 - Dedicated bus lane on Mead Way
- Cycle and rail routes
 - Tram / Rail link
 - Crosses cycle route 45 at B&Q
 - Proper surfacing of old railway line
 - Will force cyclists onto Mead Way
 - Improve walking and cycling network - dedicated routes alongside roads
- Environment
 - Destroying a historic railway route to build a road loses more of Swindon's history
 - It will encourage house building along the new road
 - Damage nature reserve
 - Bats live along intended route
 - River Ray already constricted
 - Concerns over canal safeguarding
- Not enough information about the problem to make a decision on the solution

survey conclusions

- Overwhelming majority want it built now and believe SBC actions are insufficient
- Building the link road is a major part of the solution, but other improvements required
- No consensus on Mead Way and Akers Way enhancements, though recognition by many that some work is needed
- Improvements to other modes of transport required – particularly the cycle network

discussion time

- Questions / Opinions?
- Presentation will be posted on the SRA website

www.shawresidents.org.uk

