

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@essex.ac.uk]
Sent: 21 May 2012 12:56
To: Jonathan Manning - Cllr - own email; Bradly Heffer
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: University Traffic

Hello Jon,

I'm recuperating from an operation at the moment and only part time, so ideally should not be working tomorrow afternoon, but will meet if you think it essential.

I fully understand your argument about cyclists and the danger of the Colchester Rd. It's for this very reason that the University has agreed to contribute £250k to the construction of the cycle path in conjunction with this particular project. We don't believe there is any legal requirement for us to do this (although I accept others have a different view) but we are very keen to see this provided and thus have proposed a way in which it can be done. If the car park doesn't get approved this week then the loss of programme will probably cause a revisit of this offer.

With regard to your final paragraph I think we have demonstrated over the past 20 years, more than any other organisation in Colchester, our commitment to encouraging people to forsake the private motor car. We'll continue to do so including the inconvenience strategy!

Kind regards,

From: jon manning [mailto:[REDACTED]k]
Sent: 21 May 2012 12:04
To: [REDACTED]; bradley heffer
Subject: RE: University Traffic

Hi [REDACTED]

as you rightly pointed out this is not a major issue it is detail.

My concern is based on the increase of cycle traffic from the wivenhoe road end and specifically the conflict point with other road users. I do not wish to create a situation where in six months time we are answering questions about a new accident black spot. I therefore believe that we must reduce the motorised traffic as much as possible from that side of the campus.

there is also a question over the type of traffic, currently all service vehicles including heavy goods that service the University have to access via wivenhoe road to go under the podium this also applies to emergency vehicles which currently have to go the long way round if they are coming from colchester. By channelling traffic away from the wivenhoe road side of the campus we are easing the risk of harm to those people using the greenest forms of transport and the group which we must encourage.

Finally with regard to annoying residents who work at the University and who will then have to drive around I hope that this would be inconvenient enough for them to consider that walking or cycling is a better option. This I believe is a view shared at least on paper by the University itself. I am available from 4 until 6 tomorrow if you want to meet up on site and discuss it, (providing Bradley is available) it would be nice if all the details were sorted before Thursday.

regards
Jon Manning

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From: [REDACTED]@essex.ac.uk
 To: Bradly Heffer [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
 CC: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: University Traffic
 Date: Mon, 21 May 2012 09:42:18 +0000

Brad, Jon,

Hopefully this is not too big an issue. Our assessment is that on most occasions term time the number of vehicles parked ☐ illegally ☐ on the north side of the campus is c80. On odd occasions such as visit days we can go over 100, but this is maybe 6 times a year.

The construction of the Essex Business School will give us a net 37 additional permanent spaces on the north side of campus. Thus the additional vehicles using the Wivenhoe entrance will be c43. We do not see this as a problem, while any decision to move the barrier to make both car parks accessible from the same direction would significantly annoy drivers coming from the restricted side. I know this because it has been explored on campus in the past and I know how I would view it as a Wivenhoe resident!.

If you are not satisfied with this answer please let me know today as I am only available to meet tomorrow and away from Colchester until late Thursday pm.

Thanks very much,

[REDACTED]

From: Bradly Heffer [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 21 May 2012 08:44
To: Jonathan Manning - Cllr - own email
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: University Traffic
Importance: High

Dear Councillor Manning

Thank you for your email and I note the contents. I am not sure whether it would be possible to arrange a meeting with [REDACTED] to discuss the contents of your email in advance of Thursday's meeting but I have copied him into this in order that he is aware of your concerns.

[REDACTED] ☐ I would be pleased if you could read through Councillor Manning's comments and respond as necessary. You will note that Councillor Manning would like a response before the car park application is considered at Thursday's Committee meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Telephone number [REDACTED]

Fax No. [REDACTED]

From: jon manning [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: 18 May 2012 10:37

To: Bradly Heffer

Subject: RE: University Traffic

Hi Bradley,

Many thanks for the quick response I have taken out a part of an email below

"Never having tried to park at the University I am not sure which routes people use but as viewed from the bus it would seem that some of the informal verge parking must be accessed from the A133, formerly via Elmstead Road, as the parking used lies on the Colchester side of the barrier on Boundary Road. This would now all have to use the road to Wivenhoe. This is why I am suggesting that the barrier be moved to split the traffic flows to the car parks."

the issue therefore is about planning for the future not about what the current situation is.

the question is about traffic v's cyclist/pedestrian conflict points which the university have already informally agreed exist and have agreed to forward fund the cycle route. If the informal parking that is being formalised is coming from the informal parking accessed from the A133 this would result in a significant impact upon the amount of traffic entering the university via Wivenhoe road and we will be increasing the conflict point.

Therefore it might be worth having a three way conversation with [REDACTED] before this goes to the committee as I believe we all missed the point of where the parking traffic although not new to the university where does it currently enter compared to where it will enter to access the new carpark.

regards
Jon Manning

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Subject: FW: University Traffic

Date: Fri, 18 May 2012 10:03:40 +0100

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Councillor Manning

Please see the attached email response from [REDACTED] following on from your original email.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] Development Management Engineer [mailto:[REDACTED]@essex.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 May 2012 14:05
To: Bradly Heffer
Subject: RE: University Traffic

Hi Brad,

We're not aware of any significant highway capacity/congestion issues at the Wivenhoe Road/Boundary Road junction and so it's really just up to the University as to whether they want or are prepared to relocate the barriers. As you probably know Boundary Road is not highway.

Hope this helps, Brad.

Thanks.

Martin.

[REDACTED]
Strategic Development Engineer
Sustainable Environment & Enterprise

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From: Bradly Heffer [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 May 2012 11:08
To: [REDACTED] Development Management Engineer
Subject: FW: University Traffic

Hi [REDACTED]

I would be pleased to receive any comments you may have on this before I respond to Councillor Manning.

Thanks.

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Telephone number [REDACTED]
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From: jon manning [mailto:]
Sent: 14 May 2012 11:01
To: Bradly Heffer
Subject: University Traffic

Hi Bradley after the meeting we had the other day there was one aspect that left me feeling a little uncomfortable still and that is the traffic conflict with the junction at Wivenhoe road and Boundary road.

Since this time I have had a thought on how this might be eased By moving the bus barrier to the other side of valley road, thus making the access to under podium parking accessible from the new junction. This would have several positive effects.

Currently Disabled students living in the houses Near to North towers I believe have a parking space Both outside their campus accommodation and a reserved space below the Podium. Currently they have to drive all the way around to go from one to the other and while they probably dont make many journeys per week like this it should make their lives a little easier.

the Podium is serviced by Lorries which Have to access Via wivenhoe road. these cause damage to the road surface but more importantly are one of the largest causes of conflict between cyclists and other road users.

the removal of lorries from this stretch would Be percieved by the public as a reduction in traffic before the Carpark was built which is percieved as increasing traffic.

I would appreciate it if you could mention my thoughts to Andrew the next time you meet with him

regards
Jon Manning

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