

Agenda Item 7 – Sainsbury's Petrol Station

Following the inclusion of the above item on the agenda for the meeting, the following statement has been prepared by officer to assist members with their discussion.

The filling station at Sainsbury's was granted planning consent by the Secretary of State in 2015. The application was accompanied by a Transport Assessment which included forecasts of traffic anticipated to visit the filling station.

Prior to construction of the filling station modifications were carried out to the signal junction at Mill Street / Peter Street. This included allowing left turning traffic into Sainsbury's to operate at the same time a right turning traffic out and provision of two exit lanes from the store car park towards the A6. There was no requirement in the planning consent for post opening monitoring of the site (this is not something that is normally carried out) however subsequently Sainsburys have asked the Transport for Greater Manchester's UTC Unit (who are responsible for signal-controlled junctions) to monitor operation of the junction and the A6 junctions using CCTV, particularly on the run up to Christmas. Such monitoring was carried out last Christmas but the UTC observed few operational problems.

Problems can occur, however, when incidents or works on the A6 cause congestion and restrict flow out of the site due to queued traffic on the A6. This could occur with any busy site close to a main road and is not unique to this one.

If it is desired by the Committee that a count is carried out to verify the content of the Transport Assessment it is not recommended that this be carried out until the autumn when, hopefully, some measure of normality has returned. The junction may, however, be examined as part of a transport assessment to be carried out for a development that is proposed for a site in the local area, which would negate the need for a separate survey and review. Discussions are presently taking place in respect to this with the developer's consultant.