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Dear Mr Williams

Information Request - 3976865 - Projected traffic volumes around Alsager

I am responding to your request for information, which has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and logged as case 3976865.

Your request is as follows:

I would like to request data or documentary evidence for the calculation of projected volumes of traffic in and around Alsager in the light of current and anticipated housing and employment development.

The Alsager Traffic Study (attached) provided calculations on the predicted volumes of traffic in Alsager.

In particular, whether there are projections for traffic volume increases at the following locations:

- *Radway Lights (or their replacement roundabout) at the junction of Radway Green Road (B5078) and Butterton Lane/Crewe Road (B5077). I would particularly be interested in any figures available for the increase in domestic vehicle traffic from current developments on the fields to the north of the B5077 and at White Moss as well as projections for commercial traffic to the proposed warehouse development at Radway Green North.*
- *The junction of Close Lane and Crewe Road (B5077).*
- *The junction of Hassall Road and Crewe Road (B5077).*
- *The mini-roundabout junction at the intersection of Hassall Road, Dunnocksfold Road and Church Road.*
- *The intersection of Church Road, Crewe Road (B5077) and Station Road.*

- The junction of Sandbach Road North, Lawton Road (B5077) and Sandbach Road South.

All of the junctions that you have highlighted were assessed for capacity in the peak hours in the Traffic Study with the exception of the mini roundabout at Dunnocksfold Road / Hassall Road. With regard to the Radway Green employment sites and White Moss, the trip generation arising from the developments were assessed within their respective Transport Assessments and are available on the planning portal.

I would also be interested in any 'historic' documentation there might be showing accumulated increases in traffic volume year on year for the last 5 years (2013 - 2018).

There is no historic documentation that CEC holds on traffic growth but in calculating the traffic impact of the proposed development, there is traffic growth included in the Transport Assessments as the growth rates are linked to the DfT road traffic forecasts.

I would also be interested in any matrices, benchmarks or other measures there might be to calculate when an increase in vehicle volume at particular times or locations constitutes a perceived problem. What is an acceptable volume of traffic from new build estates or warehouse developments and at what times? How is this calculated?

The volume of traffic from development will vary on each application and it is for Council to assess whether the impact is acceptable or not, although the National Planning Policy Framework sets the criteria in that development should only be refused when impacts on the road network are severe.

A few years ago there were a number of traffic surveys carried out in relation to S106 funds. Would it be possible for all data and calculations relating to these surveys to be released?

I am not aware of any surveys undertaken from S106 funding.

I can confirm that Cheshire East Council holds the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Please quote the reference number 3976865 in any future communications.

Please note that an anonymised copy of this response may be published in the Council's Disclosure Log, which is available online at the following address: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foi

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Yours sincerely

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