

On the Tenth day of Christmas the Councils gave to me.....

10 Fold Traffic Increase.....

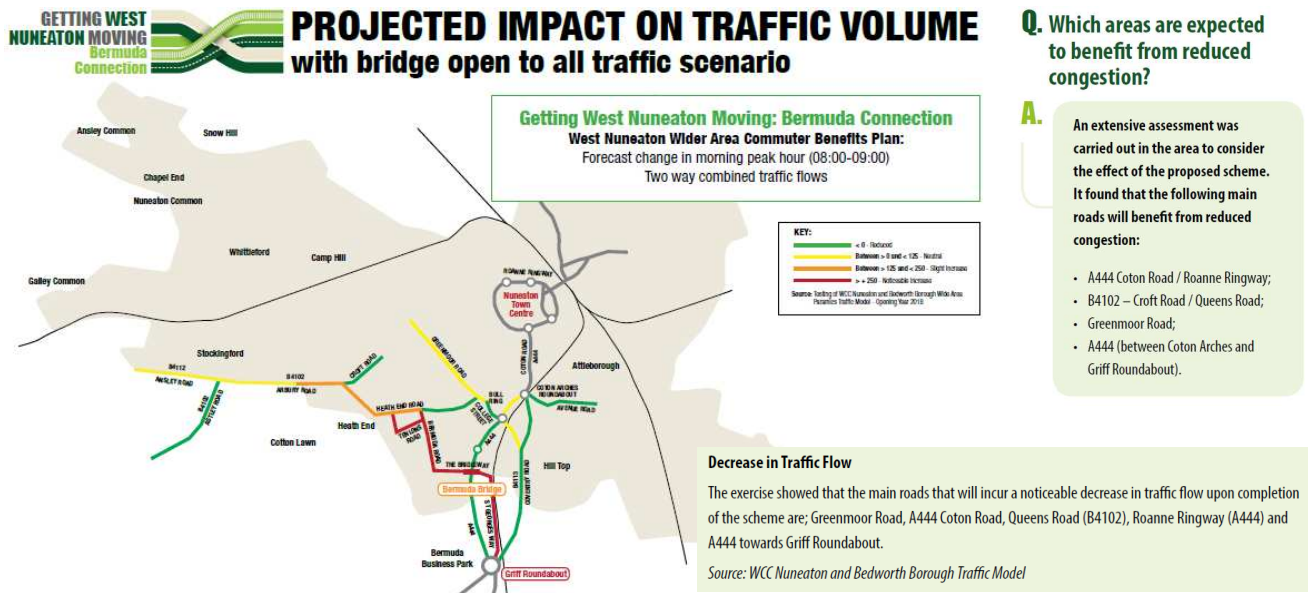
This is not stretching the truth. The impact on some residential streets is massive many roads in West Nuneaton seeing a significant increase in traffic with WCC calculating that one street will see a 647% increase in traffic!

Today we will demonstrate the flawed consultation material using data sets from WCC's own Bermuda Connection Work. We have drawings that prove that the WCC traffic modelling inputs do not actually represent the current design and hence overestimate the journey time savings. This has been brought to the Council's attention previously and dismissed (See page 18 of the Cabinet Agenda from the meeting on Nov 12th):

The BBAG submissions also criticise the adequacy and accuracy of information at analysis used in the business case and provided to the public for the purpose of consultation. A member of the BBAG (with expertise in transport planning) has corresponded with officers regarding perceived shortcomings in the evidence and analysis. Examples of the points made are that:

Your officers have assessed these submissions and do not accept that the business case or consultation process has been flawed. A number of criticisms are thought to be misinformed or incorrect. Many others come down to a difference of opinion as to what level and kind of evidence is required at this stage of a multi-stage process. The decision was made to give the public the opportunity to have their say whilst the proposals were still at a formative stage and that inevitably means that some of the evidence will be high level or approximate or subject to change when detailed designs are prepared. Your officers believe that the evidence relied upon is robust and valid for both the original scheme and the consultation version of the scheme and forms a sufficient basis for the decision now to be made by Cabinet, i.e. whether

Let's remind you of the traffic information that was sent to 28,000 across Nuneaton and displayed at the public consultation in order to gain favour for the scheme and note the roads in green that people were told would experience a reduction in traffic (as we know the public overwhelmingly rejected progressing the scheme!)



However, the Warwickshire County Council Getting West Nuneaton Moving: Bermuda Connection: Phase 1 - Preliminary Supporting Environmental Information (September 2015) also produced by consultants Atkins contradicts the consultation material (see overleaf)! YOU SHOULD SERIOUSLY BE QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY OF PROGRESSING THIS SCHEME, PAYING MILLIONS OF POUNDS ON AND DESTROYING A COMMUNITY ON THE BASIS OF THE AVAILABLE AND VARIABLE EVIDENCE!



The table below is extracted from the Atkins report (Table 4-2). These Traffic flows consider the existing base year conditions and with the proposed scheme opening in 2018. We have colour coded the road links and added the % increase in traffic using the same colours as the consultation material so you can make a comparison while we have added further useful comments too.

ID	Road Link	Annual Average Daily Traffic Flow		HGV%		% Increase in Traffic Flow	Bermuda Bridge Action Group (BBAG) Comments
		Base	2018 DS	Base	2018 DS		
3	A444 ring road	27770	29145	3.4	3.2	5	Contradicts Consultation!
5	A444 Vicarage Street	31323	33226	2.7	1.7	6	Contradicts Consultation!
7	A444 Coton Road	32714	34157	2.7	2.6	4	Contradicts Consultation!
8	Greenmoor Road	9748	10059	0.9	1.1	3	Contradicts Consultation!
9	A444 south of Coton Road	36028	38128	3.3	3.4	6	Contradicts Consultation!
10	A444 south of College Street	36732	36250	3.8	3.8	-1	Wow a 1% decrease, really worth £6M+!
11	College Street	5488	6409	0.0	0.0	17	Contradicts Consultation!
13	B4112 Heath End Road	20266	19308	2.0	1.8	-5	Wow a 5% decrease, really worth £6M+!
15	B4112 Heath End Road	13802	17349	3.0	2.7	26	This scheme is meant to improve West Nuneaton!
16	Bermuda Road	0	5655	0.0	0.0	Infinite!	No HGVs to ex. industrial site?
17	B411 Coventry Road	15797	15749	3.1	3.1	0	No real improvement!
18	A444 north of roundabout with Coventry Road	37230	36169	2.2	4.1	-3	Wow a 3% decrease, really worth £6M+!
19	St Georges Way	0	6051	0.0	0.0	Infinite!	No HGVs on an existing industrial estate?
20	Bridleway - east of Bermuda Road	0	6051	0.0	0.0	Infinite!	The increase in traffic will be greater than Tenlons Road!
22	Arbury Road	18778	21324	1.8	1.8	14	This scheme is meant to improve West Nuneaton!
23	Croft Road	11416	11369	0.8	1.1	0	No real improvement!
33	Tenlons Road	699	5224	0	3.0	647	Would you want to live here in the future?

What is even worse is that none of the traffic modelling takes account of one of the **“Key Outcomes”** of the Bermuda Connection Scheme as noted in Section 2.2 of the Business Case. Using the job creation theory below there could be an extra 3,000 commuter vehicle trips per day adding a further 6000 vehicles to the flows above!

Additionally, there are two nearby proposed housing developments; SHS1 (518 dwellings) and SHS2 (1,000 dwellings) which would also benefit from the proposed bridge. HM Government estimates that up to two jobs are created for every new home that is built, so the proposed 1,518 homes would generate up to a further 3,000 new jobs.

So as you can see the evidence for the scheme **IS** contradictory. **Why spend over £6M on a scheme that isn't wanted and actually makes traffic in West Nuneaton Worse!** It's all within your own reports.

10 FOLD TRAFFIC INCREASE!

*Also see BBAG's sketches that translate the Atkins Traffic Modelling into existing and proposed queue length drawings to see how queues will increase massively as a result of the investment by WCC (BBAG Traffic Flow Changes Sketches for the AM & PM Peak).

<http://bermudabridgeactiongroup.co.uk/public-consultation/public-consultation-objection-report-drawings/>