

Traffic Block Capital Bid for 2018-19

Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of a proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number:	344
Brief description:	The Traffic block capital bid for 2018-19 which comprises of a number of separate road safety, active travel schemes and traffic management schemes.
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Completed by:	
Responsible Service:	Planning & Public Protection
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,

IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Score for the sustainability of the approach

Could some small changes in your thinking produce a better result?

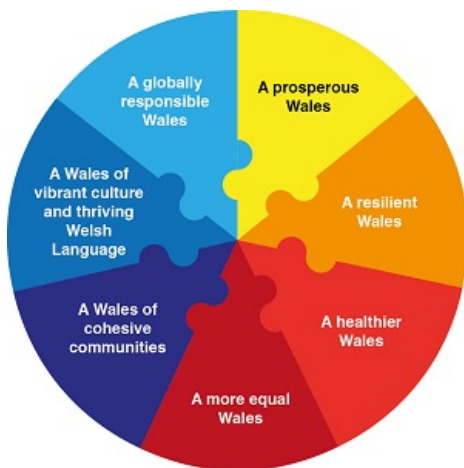


(3 out of 4 stars)

Actual score : 18 / 24.

Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



A prosperous Denbighshire	Positive
A resilient Denbighshire	Neutral
A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Denbighshire	Neutral
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Neutral
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Neutral
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive

Main conclusions

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The carbon reduction benefits, improved transport infrastructure and benefits for the local economy.

Positive consequences identified:

Increased levels of walking and cycling can reduce carbon emissions if those journeys replace journeys that would otherwise have been made by car. Improving the efficiency of how traffic flows through Rhyl town centre, and the ease of which traffic locates parking spaces, will reduce unnecessary miles driven searching for spaces.

Improved facilities for coaches will benefit town centre retail and tourist attractions

All of the schemes contribute towards improving the quality of transport infrastructure, either by upgrading existing facilities or by building new alternatives such as active travel routes.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

Continue to work with organisations such as Sustrans to promote active travel to make the best use of new active travel infrastructure

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	Reduced fuel consumption is positive, but impact on biodiversity in the natural environment is potentially negative

Positive consequences identified:

Increased use of active modes of travel may reduce use of motor vehicles and therefore reduce fuel consumption.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Constructing an active travel route (e.g. a tarmac path) in roadside verge or an adjacent field may have a negative impact upon existing flora and affect habitat.

Mitigating actions:

Conduct an environmental impact assessment and liaise with Biodiversity Officer to try and minimise negative impact of active travel route schemes and identify potential mitigation measures where appropriate.

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The health benefits of active travel routes. The benefits of road safety schemes potentially reducing the likelihood of road traffic collision casualties.

Positive consequences identified:

Greater use of active travel encourages healthier lifestyles. Schemes that improve road safety potentially reduce the likelihood of road traffic accidents
As above, active travel routes increase opportunities to live a more active lifestyle.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

Work with organisations such as Sustrans to promote active travel.

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	N/A

Positive consequences identified:

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

N/A

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The positive road safety benefits are cancelled out by the potential negative impact of providing a tarmac path in grass verge

Positive consequences identified:

The road safety schemes contribute towards improving safety.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Some opponents to active travel routes say that they detract from the attractiveness of an area e.g. by providing a tarmac path in an existing grass verge.

Mitigating actions:

Ensure sympathetic design to minimise visual impact of active travel route.

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	N/A

Positive consequences identified:

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

N/A

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Potential business during construction phase for local contractors and suppliers of construction materials.

Positive consequences identified:

Local contractors and suppliers of construction materials would be used.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

None.