

26/02/2013

Rachel

I wonder if Mr Ward will accept this late submission. We have been trying through freedom of information to gather facts about the congestion we keep referring to at the junction's with the A580 East Lancs Rd.

We have just received this information from TFGM details attached.

The Junction with Church Lane is taking 41500 movements a day

The junction with Newton Rd is taking 50500 movements a day

Golborne Island is taking 46700 movements a day

All junctions are running at 150% to 170% saturation at peak times

During the rest of the day they are running between 60% & 90% saturation

From the attached report HFAS 1704 you will note that Standish takes 10100 movements a day.

Church Lane Lowton takes 9800 movements alone, and this is where Wainhomes want to decant there proposed housing estate.

These figures prove what we have been saying all along, we have major congestion problems and building 2500 houses in the area will make things almost impossible.

Ed Thwaite



Chairman

Mr E Thwaite  
By email only: [thwaite-ed@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thwaite-ed@tiscali.co.uk)

Our ref 8000017901

20 February 2013

Dear Mr Thwaite

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
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Please find below TfGM's response to your Freedom of Information request received at this office on 22 January 2013.

***Information requested: I have concerns about the traffic lights at the junction of the A580 and Church Lane Lowton. Drivers and Cyclists are getting trapped in the middle of the A580 because the Lights priorities have been changed and there seems to be less time to get across.***

- ***Would you please tell me the daily volume of traffic passing through this junction?***

Please find attached traffic count tabulations from the most recent turning count undertaken at this junction. Tabulations include factored 24 hour approaching/leaving flows on each arm of the junction which can be used to provide "the daily volume of traffic using the junction".

- ***How do you rate this junction' is it in the top 10 of your problem junctions and why?***

We do not formally rank junctions in Greater Manchester by levels of congestion.

We do collate accident statistics by location and from that we can produce a list of "hotspots" – please refer to the Road Casualty Statistics report, which can also be found on our website. The link is <http://www.gmtu.gov.uk/reports/Casualty2011/1705.html>

24 hour average weekdays flows for Wigan are available on our website.  
The link is

<http://www.gmtu.gov.uk/reports/transport2011/HFAS%20Report%201704%20Transport%20Statistics%20Wigan%202011%20Appendix%203.pdf>

- ***Do you consider the junction to be running close to or at saturation point?***

The network of junctions in this area are running over saturated in the morning and evening peak periods, see attached graphs.

- ***What can be done to improve the junction and have you any plans to do so?***

We have recently made slight adjustments to the SCOOT model that controls the traffic signal timings to help manage the congestion on the internal lane on Church Lane between Newton Road and the A580 East Lancashire Road. As the highway authority for this junction, Wigan MBC would be best placed to comment on any future improvements/plans.

If you are not satisfied with the response in this letter you may ask for an internal review. If you would like an internal review you should contact me in the first instance. My e-mail address is at the end of this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review has been undertaken, you have a right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Office of the Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
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Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the above reference number in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ivinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melissa Ivinson

Paralegal

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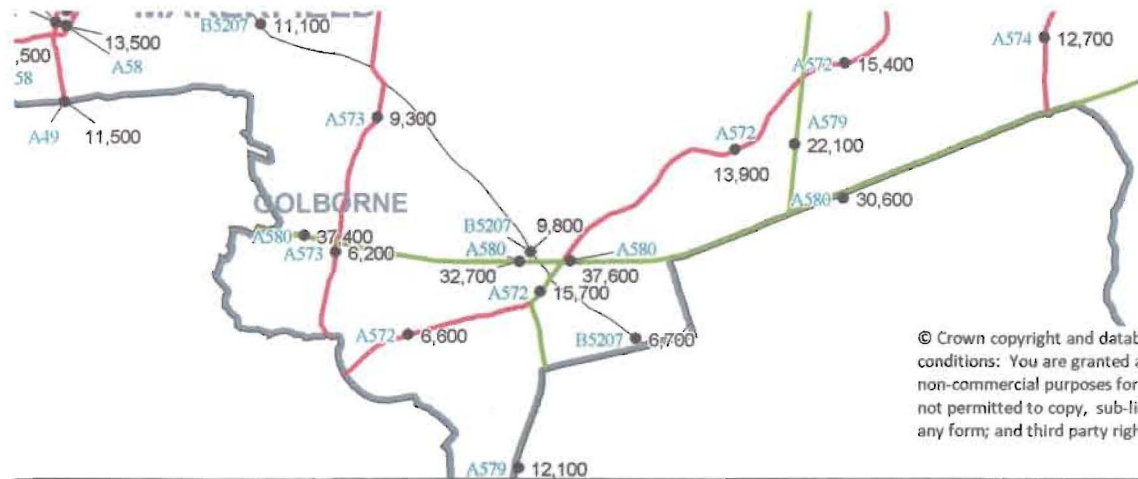


*Department for Transport*

DfT NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC CENSUS LINK NUMBERS IN WIGAN 2011

	Date : 13/11/2012	HF
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*Average speed at these junctions off peak 20 to 30 @ to 10 mph*

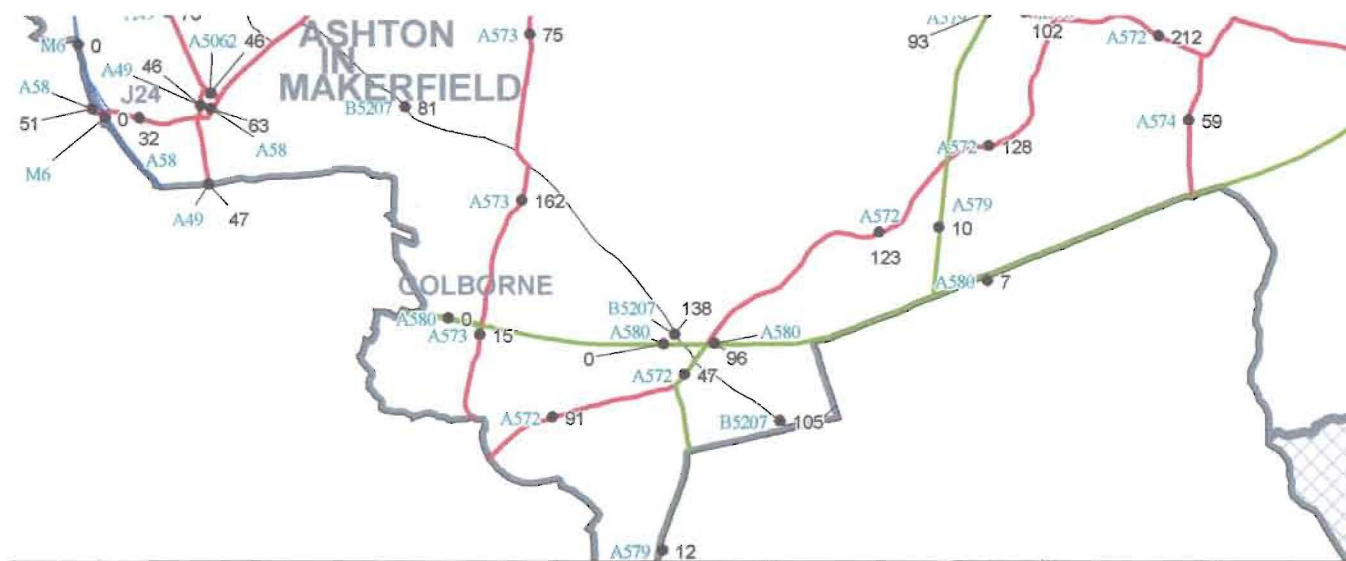


24 HOUR AAWT FLOWS IN WIGAN 2011

*Average Annual Weekday Traffic*

14,500 ~~52,000~~  
50,500  
146,700

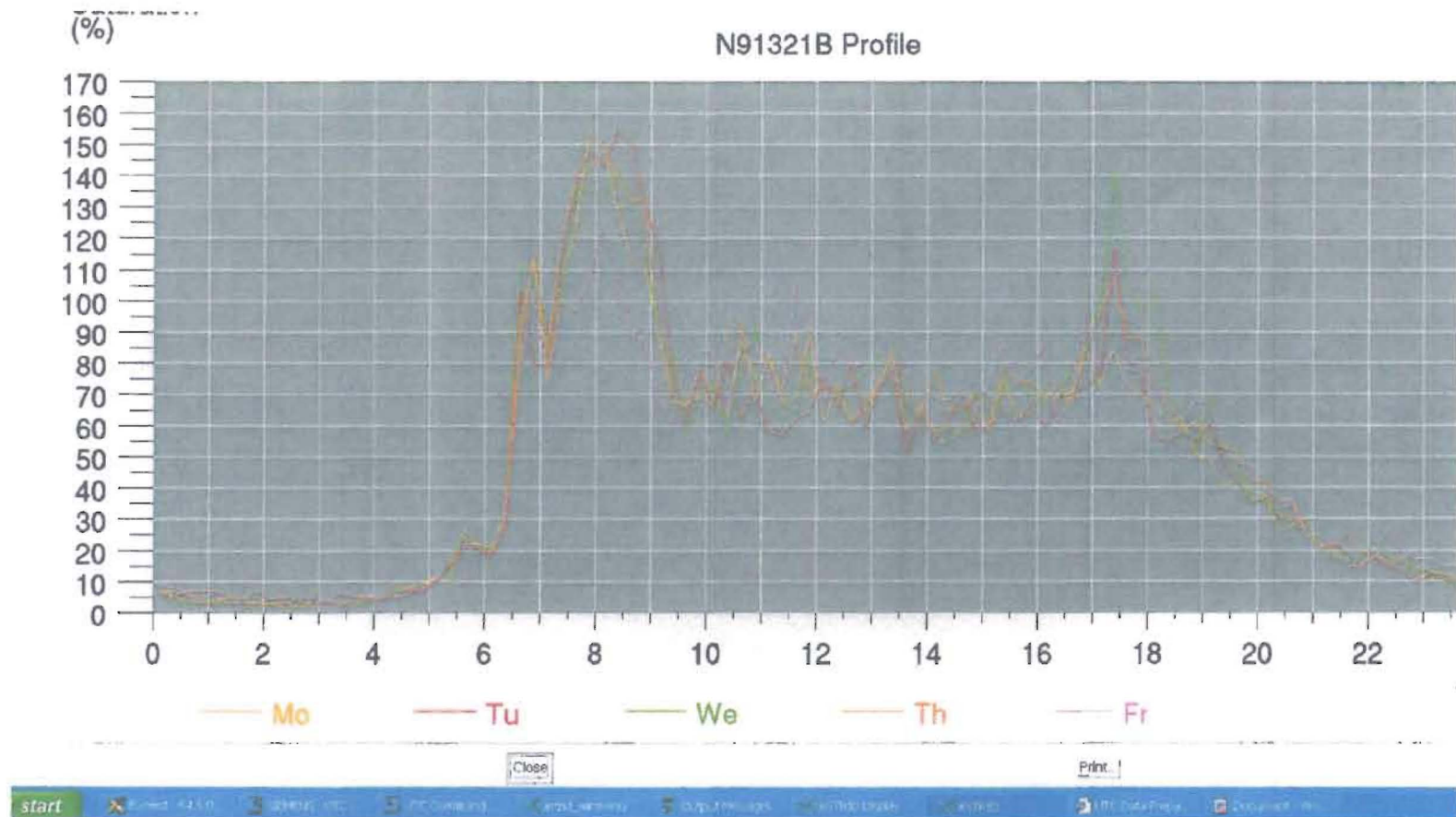
*Per Day at church lane Crossing  
Newton Rd  
Golborne Island*



24 HOUR AAW PEDAL CYCLE FLOWS IN WIGAN 2011

Date : 16/09/2011

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through Day 6a 9:15 to 4:30 normally between 60 and 90% saturation.  
 7 to 9 AM over 100% peaking at 150%  
 same between 5 and 6 peaking at 140%



# GMTU TURN COUNT

## Classified Turn Count

Location: **B5207 Church Ln / A580 E Lancashire Rd**  
**TDC/5602/1 B5207 Church Lane/A580(T) East Lancashire Road**

Local Area: **Golborne**

District: **Wigan**

Client: **Wigan**

OSGR: Easting **362173**

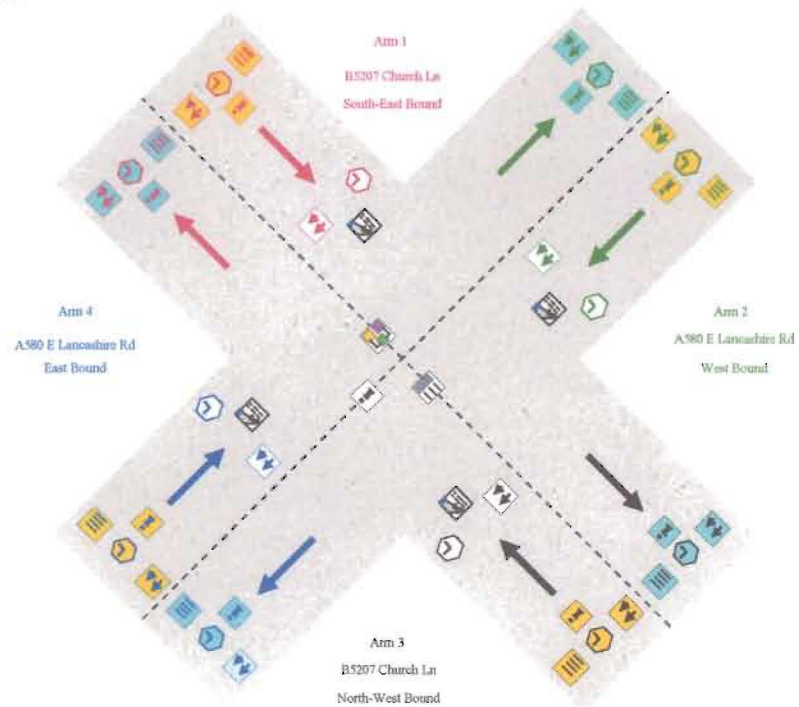
        Northing **396915**

NIS Junction Node **2249**

Carried out: **Tuesday, 20 September 2005**

From **7.00** To **19.00**

Continuous: **At 15 Minute Intervals**



GMTU Batch Reference Number: **0509421**

Link	Date of Count	Road No	Road Name	All Motors	LGV	OGV	Pedal Cycles	
							12hr	24hr
<b>Motorways</b>								
26029	ADJ	M6	Bet Jns 24 & 25	137800	17200	16500		0
57067	ATC	M6	Bet Jns 23 & 24	110700	13100	11300		0
16030	ATC	M6	Bet Jns 26 & 27	105700	14200	9200		0
36028	ATC	M6	Bet Jns 25 & 26	105600	15700	11800		0
46046	ATC	M58	Bet Jn 5 M58 & Jn 26 M6	48500	6700	6300		0
6029	07-May-09	M6	Spur (Bet M6 & A49)	32200	4100	3300		0
<b>A Roads</b>								
18551	24-Mar-09	A49	Wallgate Wigan	48500	5300	1400	186	263
8567	24-Jun-10	A49	Chapel Ln Wigan	38300	3400	1500	106	121
99074	19-May-10	A580	East Lancashire Rd Lowton St Marys	37600	4500	3300	76	96
57252	21-Jun-10	A580	East Lancashire Rd Golborne	37400	4500	3300	0	0
7300	17-Oct-11	A580	East Lancashire Rd Astley	36100	6200	3100	28	34
47330	20-Sep-10	A580	East Lancs Rd Golborne	32700	3200	2900	0	0
27320	21-Sep-11	A580	East Lancashire Rd Lowton	30600	4900	2500	7	7
38653	26-Jun-09	A49	Chapel Ln Wigan	29000	4400	800	74	107
8568	16-Oct-08	A49	Wallgate Wigan	26100	3300	600	134	192
7289	11-Jun-04	A58	Walthew Ln Platt Bridge	25400	3500	600	68	135
48526	16-Jun-10	A49	Warrington Rd Pemberton	24300	2400	700	97	111
26520	01-Oct-08	A49	Wigan Ln Marylebone	23300	2000	500	52	74
58256	14-Jun-11	A49	Riverway Wigan	22800	1900	500	52	60
18355	28-Apr-10	A579	Atherleigh Way Leigh	22200	2500	700	85	93
60014	11-Sep-09	A579	Lowton St Marys Bypass Lowton	22100	3100	800	7	10
8566	11-Oct-10	A577	Darlington St Wigan	21200	2900	700	239	302
74731	24-Mar-11	A577	Ormskirk Rd Pemberton	20900	2800	700	123	157
17248	12-Oct-07	A578	Twist Ln Leigh	20600	2300	400	101	166
17181	26-Mar-09	A577	Orrell Link Rd Orrell	20300	2800	700	9	14
27315	05-Jul-07	A577	Manchester Rd Hindley	20000	2400	600	122	181
28487	30-Sep-05	A577	Wigan Rd Atherton	19400	3000	500	51	89
74722	23-Oct-08	A577	Tyldesley Rd Hindsford	19100	2400	300	117	167
27316	11-Jul-07	A577	Sale Ln Tyldesley	18300	2300	300	48	75
27310	16-Jun-08	A573	Warrington Rd Platt Bridge	18300	2200	300	120	201
56049	06-Jun-07	A5209	Almond Brook Rd Standish	18200	2100	500	63	97
58257	23-Jun-11	A49	Wallgate Wigan	18000	2300	400	83	91
38662	25-Apr-07	A572	Chapel St Leigh	17600	2300	300	144	212
6511	26-May-11	A49	Warrington Rd Goose Green	17300	2200	900	81	93
47325	04-Oct-11	A577	Manchester Rd Tyldesley	17100	2100	400	88	99
57295	29-Apr-10	A577	Atherton Rd Hindley	17100	2200	300	81	93

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73093	09-May-06	A58	Bridge St Hindley	16700	2100	500	96	175
18443	11-Sep-07	A58	Liverpool Rd Ashton-In-Makerfield	16300	2600	1000	37	51
28698	29-Sep-11	A49	Pottery Rd Wigan	16000	2100	500	88	94
27317	21-Oct-09	A578	Twist Ln Leigh	16000	1700	200	79	102
56527	15-Jun-07	A49	High St Standish	15800	1600	300	41	70
8343	10-Oct-11	A579	Atherleigh Way Leigh	15800	2000	400	41	50
57197	23-Jun-04	A572	Newton Rd Lowton	15700	2300	600	26	47
74724	09-May-06	A577	Wigan Rd Hindley	15600	2000	400	124	226
7294	22-Oct-09	A577	Ormskirk Rd Pemberton	15500	2100	400	59	77
37348	10-Oct-06	A572	St Helens Rd Leigh	15400	1800	300	76	128
7296	20-Jun-05	A577	Mosley Common Rd Tyldesley	14500	1900	400	58	113
27314	23-Apr-07	A577	Orrell Rd Orrell Post	14200	1700	300	45	84
57317	26-Sep-08	A572	Manchester Rd Astley Green	14200	1500	400	119	180
58146	10-May-11	A572	St Helens Rd Leigh	13900	1600	400	101	123
36595	13-May-11	A58	Lily Ln Bryn Gates	13700	1900	400	105	127
73916	11-Apr-03	A5082	Mort Ln Tyldesley (cb)	13700	1800	300	38	73
27977	25-May-11	A58	Gerard St Ashton-In-Makerfield	13500	1800	800	52	63
48635	17-Mar-11	A49	Queen St Wigan	13400	1800	500	43	55
74725	10-May-11	A577	Cross St Hindley	12900	1400	300	51	62
74720	27-May-11	A577	Shuttle St Tyldesley	12800	1300	300	39	47
37351	16-May-11	A574	Warrington Rd Leigh	12700	1900	400	43	59
48025	27-Mar-09	A58	Liverpool Rd Ashton-In-Makerfield	12500	1500	500	19	32
73971	20-Sep-07	A571	Billinge Rd Pemberton	12500	1300	100	29	43
56461	22-May-08	A58	Liverpool Rd Hindley	12100	1600	400	86	130
74023	10-Sep-07	A579	Winwick Rd Golborne	12100	1900	700	8	12
74721	04-Sep-09	A577	Elliot St Tyldesley	12000	1800	200	44	61
17249	25-May-04	A579	Bolton Rd Atherton	12000	1400	300	58	115
74723	09-May-06	A58	Market St Hindley	11900	1500	300	65	118
37356	20-Oct-04	A577	Smallbrook Ln Hindley Green	11800	1800	400	58	103
28696	16-Oct-09	A573	School Ln Wigan	11700	1300	300	66	93
73969	10-Oct-11	A49	Warrington Rd Ashton-In-Makerfield	11500	1500	400	39	47
37800	27-Apr-05	A5082	Church Rd Tyldesley	11400	1300	200	31	50
38654	24-Jun-10	A49	Caroline St Wigan	11300	1500	300	23	26
80618	21-Apr-08	A573	Wigan Rd Abram	11200	1300	300	43	75
27309	14-May-09	A572	Chaddock Ln Tyldesley	11000	1300	400	46	63
80619	18-Apr-08	A573	Warrington Rd Abram	10900	1300	300	28	45
77897	13-Apr-10	A49	Preston Rd Standish	10800	1100	200	68	81
48283	13-Jul-11	A577	Mealhouse Ln Atherton	10300	1200	300	80	90

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27764	22-Jun-11	A5106	Chorley Rd Standish	10100	1400	300	51	56
28446	02-Jul-09	A49	Preston Rd Standish	9900	1200	300	109	138
74730	29-Jun-11	A577	Ormskirk Rd Pemberton	9800	1200	300	36	40
74729	07-Jul-10	A577	Ellesmere Rd Pemberton	9800	1300	200	57	67

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36530	16-Apr-08	A49	Wigan Rd Bryn	9500	800	200	51	70
60013	04-Sep-06	A573	Church St Golborne Wigan	9300	1400	200	98	162
27945	08-Oct-09	A5062	Wigan Rd Ashton-In-Makerfield	8500	800	100	35	46
18201	12-Sep-07	A577	Wigan Rd Atherton	7800	1000	200	43	61
77896	04-May-05	A5106	Chorley Rd Red Rock	6800	800	200	20	37
7287	14-Oct-10	A572	Southworth Rd Golborne	6600	800	100	80	91
77901	16-Apr-10	A571	Wigan Rd Billinge	6400	600	100	29	37
73967	15-Oct-07	A573	Warrington Rd Lowton	6200	700	100	9	15
7949	07-Jul-09	A49	Bryn St Ashton-In-Makerfield	6000	700	100	32	46
57601	18-Oct-11	A577	Church St Atherton	5700	700	100	38	43
17247	29-Mar-11	A577	Market St Atherton	2400	200	0	57	67
<b>B Roads</b>								
82305	07-Jun-10	B5375	Northway Swinley	23800	2300	300	79	106
81306	21-Nov-08	B5238	Poolstock Ln Worsley Mesnes	22200	2400	500	109	198
83408	14-Nov-11	B5235	Leigh Rd Westhoughton (cb)	18300	2200	700	51	68
81307	21-Nov-08	B5238	Wigan Rd New Springs	17700	2500	600	12	22
83407	23-Jun-05	B5239	Dicconson Ln Westhoughton (cb)	14900	1800	500	23	38
95094	07-May-09	B5215	Leigh Rd Leigh	14300	1400	300	86	118
82304	24-May-10	B5206	Shevington Ln Shevington	14100	1500	200	61	88
81303	07-May-09	B5206	Moor Rd Orrell Post	12600	1200	100	103	142
81304	12-Jun-09	B5206	Shevington Ln Shevington	12300	1200	100	137	198
83308	07-Oct-11	B5215	Leigh Rd Atherton	12300	1500	200	99	116
81302	24-Jun-09	B5207	Golbourne Rd Stubshaw Cross	11100	1200	200	62	81
81405	11-Jun-09	B5238	Scot Ln Scot Lane End (cb)	10400	1300	400	22	29
82302	07-May-10	B5207	Bryn Rd Bryn	10000	1200	200	63	80
83301	12-Sep-07	B5207	Church Ln Lowton	9800	1100	200	97	138
81308	21-Nov-08	B5237	Bickershaw Ln Platt Bridge	9600	1200	200	21	38
82303	05-May-10	B5206	Gathurst Rd Orrell Post	9400	800	100	28	35
83306	07-Oct-11	B5239	Red Rock Ln Red Rock	8700	1200	200	17	20
99064	20-Mar-09	B5375	Park Rd Wigan	7700	600	100	35	58
83305	20-Sep-07	B5376	Mesnes Rd Marylebone	7600	600	0	48	72
82309	06-Nov-07	B5235	Lovers Ln Howe Bridge	7200	800	100	30	55
83303	12-Sep-11	B5375	Miles Ln Shevington	6900	600	100	20	22
81301	15-Sep-09	B5207	Kenyon Ln Lane Head	6700	700	100	89	105
83302	09-Nov-11	B5207	Downall Green Rd Rose Hill	5900	700	100	33	47

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# Third of Manchester Local Transport Plan for Wigan

## 2.1 INTRODUCTION

Wigan Borough is unique in Greater Manchester because of its geographical location and hence where the Borough looks for employment. 2001 Census data shows that 61% of Wigan's residents also work in the Borough with the second most popular place for employment being Warrington and St Helen's with Manchester being only the third most popular place where Wigan residents work. Therefore, the travel patterns of the Borough residents are not into the regional centre, making journeys by public transport difficult as most services concentrate on providing access to the regional centre.

Additionally, the journey time from Wigan to Manchester, by rail, is about 40 minutes; in comparison to journey times of 10 minutes to Preston and Warrington from Wigan and 17 minutes to St Helen's.

While we support a public transport lead strategy for Greater Manchester, given Wigan's uniqueness, we would want to see some commitment to improving public transport across the GM boundary, together with exploiting the opportunities that exist with services from Wigan North Western station.

Local people have told us what is important to them right now, and we have developed our Corporate Strategy to deal with the issues they have highlighted. We have also taken account of their long-term hopes and expectations for themselves, their families and their neighbourhoods.

This is the chance to bring together in one place our thinking on the challenges and opportunities that we need to approach in the next 12 months and beyond.

## Congestion

- Journey times for Wigan in 2008/09 have decreased in the morning peak period but increased in the off-peak and evening peak period since 2007/08. On average journey times are faster in Wigan compared to Greater Manchester as a whole.
- The morning peak period builds up from 7.30am and peaks between 8.30am and 9am.
- The evening peak period starts around 3.30pm and builds up throughout the evening with some roads, in the west of the Borough still experiencing congestion between 6pm and 6.30pm.
- The most congested routes in the morning peak were:
  - B5207 Church lane and A572 Newton Road approaching A580;
  - A577 Mosley Common Road approaching A580;
  - All roads approaching Hindley traffic signals;
  - B5238, Scholes from New Springs to Greenough Street;
  - Church Lane approaching A580;
  - Newton Road approaching A580 in both directions;
  - Warrington Road from Kingsdown Road approaching A58 Lily Lane;
  - Poolstock Lane from Snowden Avenue to Warrington Road in both directions; and,
  - Orrell Road between The Copse and Woodfords South East Bound.
- The most congested routes in the evening peak were:
  - A577 Manchester Road, eastbound between Birkett Bank and Hindley traffic signals;
  - A58 approaching Hindley traffic signals in both directions;
  - A58 and A573, southbound through Platt Bridge;