

## Request

On 24 August 2022 I submitted an FOI request (ref 14137)

One of the questions I asked was for Wigan Council to provide

"5) An outline of the currently known constraints at this junction (i.e. there is a 33kv power line routed through the area where a left hand filter to Manchester is proposed)"

And the response I received was "Not known at this time"

However, on 07/03/23 I attended the public inquiry for the Places For Everyone plan, where planning officer David Kearsley was present. Mr Kearsley stated that there had been a full assessment of the costing and viability of upgrading the A577 A580 junction.

This appears to be in contradiction with my earlier request to Wigan Council to provide this information.

Therefore my FOI request is "At what time and date were Wigan Council made aware of the constraints and viability of upgrading the A577/A580 junction".

## Response

This is not factually correct. Mr Kearsley or any other Wigan Council representative did not state that the council has undertaken a full assessment of the costing and viability of upgrading the A577/A580 junction.

This is confirmed on a recording of the Places for Everyone examination hearing session on 7 March which can be viewed online at [07.03.23 - Places for Everyone Examination - YouTube](#). The A577/580 junction is discussed at the end of the session at 5:23-5:25 of the recording.

To confirm, the Council has not undertaken a full assessment of the costing and viability of upgrading this junction, as stated in the Council's response to the original FOI in August 2022.