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**By Email and Post**

Date: 24 November 2022

Dear Mr. Bailey,

**Re: Eastern Movement Corridor connecting Sturry Road A28 with the A2 junction at Bridge**

We are instructed on behalf of Fordwich Town Council. We refer to the draft new Local Plan called the Canterbury District Local Plan To 2045 as published by Canterbury City Council (the "Council") on <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/canterbury-district-local-plan-to-2045/> (the "Deposit Local Plan"). You will appreciate given the absence of any prior consultation or stake holder engagement by Canterbury City Council (CCC) that the Town Council and the residents of Fordwich were shocked and disappointed by the extraordinary decision to move the proposed alignment of the Eastern Movement Corridor to very close to the historic and protected town of Fordwich.

Even in the very limited time we have been afforded, we have already identified serious concerns about the proposal which, for example (but not only), go to the soundness and effectiveness of the plan, as well as a failure to secure legal compliance with the CCC's plan making obligations, in terms of the sustainability appraisal and the environmental report included for the purposes of strategic environmental assessment.

Officers (copied in) are meeting with members of the Town Council on 30 November. In order to make best use of that time we would ask that you supply as soon as possible as much of the requested information set out below before 30 November. We would hope and expect that the requested information is readily accessible to yourself, and the officers attending the meeting on 30 November and thus can be supplied promptly.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the following requests for information are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 concerning all information held by the Council or held by bodies on behalf of the Council (including private companies)

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(“Information”) in connection with the proposed Eastern Movement Corridor, and Traffic and Parking at Fordwich.

1. **Eastern Movement Corridor:**

Please provide Information in respect of:

- commissioning the work carried which now appears in the Stantec Report dated November 2021;
- the appointment of Stantec to produce that work;
- the decision to commission work into alternative options to the Original Bypass Alignment as set out in Stantec drawing 330610562/2001/SK001;
- any decision as to the disclosure of the proposals to members of the Council - both inside and outside the cabinet - and then to the public, including decisions as to the timing of disclosure;
- the current preference for the Eastern Option for the Bypass as set out in the Deposit Local Plan and the reasons for the stated preference over alternatives;
- all environmental and sustainability assessments of reasonable alternatives examined by the Council; and
- any alternatives for Bypass which is not otherwise covered by this request, and which is not on the Canterbury City Council web site and currently available to the public.

2. **Fordwich Traffic and Parking:**

Please provide Information in respect of

- damage to property (including the Bridge over the Great Stour at Fordwich);
- any issues in relation to congestion in Fordwich including use by oversized vehicles and problems with access by emergency vehicles;
- all any traffic counts on traffic in relation to traffic passing through Fordwich;
- in respect of Fordwich’s use as an informal by-pass or rat run or means of avoiding Canterbury by passing through the town of Fordwich;

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- assessments of the environmental heritage and health impacts of the current and past traffic flows through Fordwich;
- assessment of the effectiveness and maintenance of traffic calming provisions in Fordwich;
- the budget allocation and hours spent by the Council in respect of parking enforcement in Fordwich;
- enforcement approach of report parking violation in particular but not only details of how many parking violations are (1) reported) (2) detected by the Council; and
- how many reported violations are enforced against and details of many detected.

We are not aware of how long the Council's records in respect of Fordwich date back and accordingly this request is not time limited.

If the Information requested is held by another public body, please provide full details of that body (including contacts) and what Information the Council understands is held by that body.

In accordance with the intendment of the Environmental Information Regulations please do **not** delay provision of this Information until it has all been gathered. We are happy to receive the information as soon as possible within the statutory time period in a piece meal fashion.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

  
**James Smith**

Principal and Director

For and on behalf of James Smith (Planning Law Services) Limited

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