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Comments on the proposed Eastern Bypass

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Sharon Tanton and I live at [REDACTED]

I would like to make some comments on the proposed Eastern Bypass as laid out in the Draft Local Plan.

Whilst appreciating the fact that the Draft Plan recognises the traffic issues in Fordwich, I do not feel that what is proposed is the answer.

Fordwich is unique in its semi rural location. It is a Conservation Area, which will be altered forever by the proposed road. We walk the local footpaths every day, and have encountered people doing archaeological digs in the nearby woods. The history of Fordwich and the surrounding woods must be preserved.

The noise and light pollution the Bypass would bring would mean we would just be another suburb of Canterbury, which is not at all why we choose to live here.

As far as I understand from looking at the plan, the proposed road would cut off the residents at the top of Fordwich from the rest of the parish. It would also mean a very long detour for those of us at the lower end of the town to travel to Stodmarsh, Ickham and other villages where we have friends.

We are already in an area at risk if flooding, and surely the construction of a major road will increase that risk?

I am a keen cyclist, and frequently use the National Cycle Route from Fordwich to Canterbury (I don't feel as safe on the A28 on a bike), which would be severely impacted by the new road.

I strongly urge the Council to reconsider putting a major road through such a historic and rural area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Yours faithfully,

Sharon Tanton