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Draft Local Plan.

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We are writing to give our views regarding the recent draft local plan.

We live in [REDACTED] and our area is included within Fordwich, so our comments refer to the local area here.

Eastern Movement Corridor.

This would have a negative impact on Fordwich in many ways. It has been suggested that it would give Fordwich a Bypass making it appear as a positive thing. In fact it would cut Fordwich in two, with the new road cutting across both Moat Lane and Well Lane, which would cut off areas that should be included in the village. The road would bring noise, light and air pollution to the area.

It would cut through our countryside which is rich in archaeology and wildlife.

Well Lane is also regarded as an ancient Roman route and is a deep cutting through woodland.

Moat Lane. According to the route of the EMC in the plan it would cross Moat Lane very close to Chequers Wood which is a designated SSSI site. These sites are supposed to have buffer zones or connecting corridors. With a road cutting across this would not be the case. It would also cut across Sandpit Wood which is also a site of special archaeology (Handaxes).

What is needed is Buffer zones and improved connecting corridors through the Stour Valley and on to Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve. This road would do the opposite to the area. In many parts of this draft plan nature green connecting corridors are mentioned but this road would damage so much countryside forever and this can never be replaced with little pockets of scrubland.

Moat Rough Wood. This is ancient woodland and links to Trenley Park Wood which is itself a historic hunting site.

The Lampen Stream. This stream runs adjacent to part of the proposed route. It flows through the valley to Stodmarsh Nature reserve. The Lampen stream is also mentioned in other parts of the local plan where it is being compromised.

The topography of the land in Well lane and Moat Lane would mean that a viaduct or ground levelling would need to take place, more vandalism of the historic area forever.

There is a width restriction on Fordwich Road where it travels from Sturry to Fordwich on the Narrow bridges. This would be the only route to Fordwich according to the plan, as Stodmarsh Road would be closed off, so how would there be access to Fordwich for large vehicles, eg. Removal Vehicles and Emergency vehicles.

Where the proposed route of the EMC runs to its junction with the A28 Sturry Road it would need to pass across a flood plain for the river Stour.

This new proposed route is much longer than the previous intended route making the cost exorbitant.

The EMC is all part of the Zoning scheme for Canterbury which mentions eventually closing Stodmarsh Road at its junction with Littlebourne Road the A257, another negative for us.

There are other ways of dealing with the congestion problems in Canterbury. Also it is questionable whether more roads, causing vandalism of our countryside, are needed with world issues and transport in the future changing so quickly.

Our heritage needs to be conserved for future, so much has already been taken forever in the name of progress.

Mr and Mrs Downs.

