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Eastern bypass and zoning

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To: consultations@canterbury.gov.uk

Dear Canterbury Council,

I should like to express my strong doubts about the effectiveness of the proposed **eastern bypass** – which is not actually a bypass but a link road. Moreover, it is three times longer than the potential western route which would not seem to make economic sense. Generally, as the Stantec Report was based on calculations in 2021 and took no account of inflation, the proposed costs would seem to be unrealistic as well as unnecessary.

I am a resident of Fordwich and am particularly concerned about the plan to cut the parish in two across Well Lane and Moat Lane. Quite apart from the fact that this will impact on much of the Fordwich Conservation Area – ecologically, archaeologically and socially – it will effectively prevent larger vehicles from entering the town and force all residents to cross the Grade II listed bridge across the Great Stour to leave it. Moreover, the topography of the area does not lend itself to the development envisaged.

One of the aims of the bypass is presumably to facilitate housing development. Canterbury roads, water supply and wastewater infrastructure are already severely overstretched. Surely this must be addressed before any further housing or road building are initiated.

As to the **zoning scheme**, this would not seem to be the optimum solution to congestion problems and inappropriate for a city the size of Canterbury. Instead of introducing a complicated zoning system, why not reopen and extend park and ride facilities – there are already three bus routes passing the closed down Sturry P&R, for instance. This could be combined with an ultra-low emission zone. Nor would it be inconceivable to introduce a congestion charge for those living outside Canterbury and the immediate vicinity if they choose not to make use of the reopened P&R option.

Taking the view from Fordwich on this point, too: the journey from Fordwich to K&C hospital, for example, would be 4-5 times longer than the current journey, which means 4-5 times more pollution, quite apart from potentially endangering people's lives.

There are several other arguments which could be cited against both plans, but I will conclude here in the hope that this e-mail will be read and considered seriously.

Kind regards,

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