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Sarah Perrin To: Consultations@canterbury.gov.uk 16 January 2023 at 17:00

This is a last minute submission. I wasn't able to use the tools on the website.

Briefly then my response is are as follows:

1. Traffic Strategy

The plan to create a ' Movement Corridor' linking A28 at Sturry with the A2 at Bridge+ associated zoning of areas of the city and fines for those crossing between zones.

I have many concerns about this plan:

- 1. We do not need new roads: full stop. We are in climate crisis. Air quality throughout the area is poor. We need to encourage people out of their cars. Road building only encourages more traffic into the roads, eventually
- 2. Penalising people for driving across the city only penalises those least able to pay those charges and people reliant on their cars for short journeys eg those with physical disabilities. This is a stealth tax.
- 3. Moving people onto the new bypass to make those journeys which would previously have taken place 'between zones' will result in greater fuel use, more emissions. This is incompatible with your vision of 'low carbon travel, air quality and peoples health' (Strategic Objectives' p. 7)
- 4. Apparently, around 75% of people using the city's roads, are local people, doing so for local journeys. You need to improve cycle provision (dedicated cycle paths, with barriers separating them from traffic; electric hoppa buses. I understand that no feasibility study into public transport alternatives has ever been undertaken by the Council.
- 4. Perhaps my main concern though as a friend of the Old Park and Chequers Wood is that this magnificent habitat would be compromised by the new Eastern bypass('Movement Corridor'). The green corridor linking OPCW to the Stour Wetlands' would be fragmented/ carved up by the road. This runs contrary to your commitment agreed in November 2018 to promote this green corridor (Green Intrastucture Strategy)

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