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## Response to Consultation on Policy SS4: Movement and Transportation Strategy for the District

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I strongly disagree with Policy SS4 as the bypass (on which the rest of the policy hangs) will sever ecological connectivity between the Old Park & Chequers Wood SSSI, on the one hand, and the Fordwich water meadows, Westbere lakes and Stodmarsh international Ramsar sit, on the other. All of these important sites form part of the Lower Stour Wetlands Biodiversity Opportunity Area.

The construction of the bypass will also destroy a series of priority habitats identified in the Kent Biodiversity Strategy. These include wet woodland and ancient woodland in Chequers Wood, together with acid grassland and ancient woodland in Trenley Park. In addition, the bypass will severely damage the Sturry Road Community Park, the north-eastern section of Canterbury Golf Course and large swathes of grade 1 & 2 agricultural land. In doing so, it will undermine the attainment of the goals outlined in policy SS1 (the Environmental Strategy for the district). There is, therefore, a fundamental contradiction at the heart of the Local Plan.

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