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## **Eastern Movement Corridor through Fordwich**

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Like many other residents of Fordwich, we were surprised to be fortunately informed of plans to drive a road through the heart of the town (the Eastern Movement Corridor, or EMC) towards the end of last year. Other than all the obvious damage this will do to the natural environment (particularly the rare animals, trees and archaeology that is such a feature of the area that this road will destroy), the added cost of not taking a more direct route (e.g., through non-residential or unnatural locations, such as the local golf course), and the lack of direct consultation with the people whose lives will be most affected, seems strange, particularly for an authority that one would expect to appreciate conservation: surely Conservatives should find more cost-effective solutions that honour the rights and privileges of local people.

I study the latest transport technology and developments in people's requirements for vehicular traffic, and none of the overall zoning plan (which appears to be the jumping-off point for the EMC) makes much sense, in the light of the rapid changes that are already developing and will mature over the next few years. A quick review of projections for road use, the switch from polluting vehicles to new automotive technologies, Al and robotic automation (particularly the imminent roll-out of battery-powered robo-taxis and zero carbon drones, from the likes of Tesla, Amazon and Vertical Aerospace), surely will make the entire zoning and EMC plan obsolete before it is even complete?

I would be happy to brief the Council on the implications of a more cost-effective and revenue-generating alternative, if that would help.

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