Dear Mr Croker,

Thank you for your message, which I have read with interest and passed on to the County Council's Planning Team. Please note that I will only be in a position to take a final view and decision on this application at the Planning and Rights Of Way Committee meeting once I have heard all of the relevant arguments and considered all of the relevant material considerations.

I would, however, like to reassure you that I will read all representations which have been sent to me in advance of the Committee meeting, and will take their contents into account when deciding on how to vote at the meeting itself.

With best regards,

Richard Burrett

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**Subject:** Planning application WSCC/052/20: Road scheme on land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0DF

Dear Councillors,

I understand that this coming Tuesday you will be considering a planning application under reference  $\frac{WSCC/052/20}{VSCC/052/20}$  for a new road scheme on land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0DF.

I respectfully suggest that this circa  $\pounds$ 50 million road scheme should be referred back to be replaced by a sustainable transport version that will help West Sussex meet its climate change commitments by providing integrated bus and active travel support for

walking and cycling. The time for new roads is past - just keep the existing ones maintained, please!

Councils must take account of latest Government policy, viz:

• <u>UK Gov policy paper - A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the</u> <u>Environment</u> (Jan 2018)

• DfT's policy paper - <u>Decarbonising transport: setting the challenge</u> (March 2020)

• UK Gov policy paper: <u>Gear change: a bold vision for cycling and walking</u>

Bus Back Better: national bus strategy for England

For mush ore information on concerns about this road scheme see: <u>https://sussex-diary.blogspot.com/2021/06/is-40-million-roads-only-scheme-in-west.html</u>

Best regards.

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