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**Cc:** [PL Planning Applications](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Road Scheme WSCC/052/20  
**Date:** 29 June 2021 00:27:02

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Dear Ms Beckingham,

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,

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I am writing to object to the proposed scheme. The £40+ million it will cost would be far better spent on a sustainable transport scheme that will meet the UK's climate commitments and provide for walkers and cyclists. The money could be much better spent on providing better bus services and infrastructure, walking and cycling paths, safe crossings, green car-free bridges and access to schools and railway stations.

It is well-known that new roads attract more traffic and encourage people to make car journeys that they otherwise would not. Attempts to cure congestion by building new roads have never worked for long. This practice has been tried repeatedly ever since the Second World War, and always with the same result: within a few years, at most, the new road is as congested as the old one and precious countryside has been lost forever.

The business case for the new road offers no solutions to the problem of increased emissions, or how we are to meet the government's target of net zero emissions. (Transport accounts for 30% of all the CO2 emitted). It does not mention mobility users, and hardly mentions disabled users, buses, walkers or cyclists. This cannot be described as sustainable infrastructure.

The business case is based on a paper published 10 years ago. It should be revised to take account of:

- [UK Gov policy paper - A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment](#) (pub Jan 2018) See:
- DfT's policy paper - [Decarbonising transport: setting the challenge](#) (pub March 2020) See:
- UK Gov policy paper: [Gear change: a bold vision for cycling and walking](#) (see below)
- [Bus Back Better: national bus strategy for England](#) (see below)

Yours sincerely  
Carolyn Beckingham



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