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Subject: FW: Planning application; WSCC/052/20 Road scheme on land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0D
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FYI, as I meant to copy you on my response.

From: Richard Burrett
Sent: 29 June 2021 00:23
To: Vic lent <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Planning application; WSCC/052/20 Road scheme on land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0D

Dear Mr Lent,

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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Chairman, West Sussex County Council Planning and Rights Of Way Committee.

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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 0D

Dear Councillors,

We understand that you have before you on Tuesday this week the planning application under reference [WSCC/052/20](#) for a road scheme on land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0D

We respectfully suggest that this £40+ million road scheme should be referred back to be replaced by a **sustainable transport** version that will help us meet our climate change commitments and provide integrated bus and active travel support for walking and cycling.

We have read the [business case for the scheme](#), which at out-turn prices (excluding non-recoverable VAT), is £54.2m. [For Phase 1 (North) the estimated cost is £11.6m and for Phase 2 (South) the estimated cost is £42.6m]. We have reviewed the [committee papers](#) and other documents [about the scheme and watched a video of the proposed road](#)

We submit for your consideration these statements and information:

The £40+ million could be better spent on providing better bus services, bus infrastructure, integrated green cycle and walking routes, safe crossing where pedestrians don't have to dodge traffic, green car free bridges, safer paths for access to schools and access to rail stations.

More roads - More traffic

When a new road is built, new traffic will divert onto it. Many people may make new trips they would otherwise not make and will travel longer distances just because of the presence of the new road. [This well-known and long-established effect is known as 'induced traffic'](#).

Business Case - fit for purpose?

The business case focuses on car and lorry transport with all the tables of figures relating to proving the case for motorized vehicle transport. In the 161 pages of the business case, it **only mentions buses twice, cycling on only six pages. It only mentions disabled users once and does not mention mobility users at all!** The references to all of these have no serious infrastructure proposals. There are no substantial sustainable transport offerings.

Emissions and our Health

The business case does not offer solutions to increased [roadside emissions](#). How are we going to meet the Government's commitment to net zero emissions in less than 30 years with road schemes like this? Please remember **transport accounted for 30% of all carbon dioxide emissions (CO2)**. The large majority of emissions from transport are from road transport.

As the [Government has stated, poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK](#), as long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic conditions such as cardiovascular and respiratory diseases as well as lung cancer, leading to reduced life expectancy.

Pollution from vehicle emissions & tackling climate change

All of this must be set against the backdrop of the UK's commitment to tackle climate change. In 2020 transport accounted for 29.8% of all carbon dioxide emissions CO2. The large majority of emissions from transport are

from road transport! How can WSCC approve a road scheme that will encourage CO2 emissions?

Councils must take account of latest Government policy

The rationale for the business case uses a government paper published in 2011. The business case should be revised taking 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)
- UK Gov policy paper: [Gear change: a bold vision for cycling and walking](#)
- [Bus Back Better: national bus strategy for England](#)

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

Thank you

Kind Regards

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