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Dear Councillor Warren

**Re: Strategic Transport Studies Consultation**

I am writing in behalf of many of my constituents living in the Hengrove and Whitchurch areas about Bath and North East Somerset Council's consultation on your Strategic Transport Studies, specifically the Option Assessment Report into the "South East Bristol and Whitchurch Package".

Having looked at the proposals within this Option Assessment Report and heard the concerns of my constituents I am very clear that I will not support any plans which seek to increase car traffic flow on Whitchurch Lane via new links from the A37 using either Washing Pound Lane or Halfacre Lane. I was appalled to read that the report admits the aim of this new link would be to reduce car traffic on the main A37 and instead put additional vehicles onto residential roads in my constituency.

It is absurd to consider 2500 additional properties on the fringe of south Bristol which already suffers considerable commuter congestion without substantial and realistic additional public transport provision. Addressing local concerns in Whitchurch village about new housing development by creating a mini bypass into the heart of a residential area is totally unacceptable.

I would urge you to think again.

Yours sincerely

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CC Local Residents, Mayor Marvin Rees, Bristol City Councillors in Hengrove & Whitchurch