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Date

Dear Rebecca

**Garden Town not By-Pass Town**

As my local M.P. I wish you to make your best endeavours to help persuade the Transport Minister and Highways England Ltd to re-think the current devastating road plans which run through our beautiful parish. After much work by local parishes it has become obvious that the proposal to put a six kilometre dual carriageway through the parish is an ill-considered and flawed plan.

Neither Somerset County Council nor Taunton Deane Borough Council want or need this unnecessary “Taunton By-Pass” as it achieves nothing for Taunton. The proposed new route will take traffic from the south east and London and direct it towards Devon and Cornwall completely missing Taunton and Junction 25, as it only connects to the M5 at a new junction closed to local access. This clearly does not provide any local “economic benefit”.

I need not remind you that, in your own words, you are somewhat responsible for bringing this road scheme to Taunton. However, I expect even you were surprised by the single choice offered by Highways England Ltd. This proposal does not achieve any of Highways England’s own stated objectives for a new road scheme and therefore should be re-visited.

I would ask that, as my elected Member of Parliament, you help me and the majority of members of local communities to persuade the Department for Transport and Highways England Ltd. that this choice of route must be changed, as it is currently neither viable nor acceptable.

I sincerely hope that you will find it within yourself to help this cause.

Yours sincerely

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Your name and address