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Dear Ms St John Howe

After our phone conversation last Friday afternoon about your letter on 29<sup>th</sup> June about the NHDC local plan I am sending a statement from the Stevenage Road Petition Group to reach you by 20 October which we discussed is the deadline for statements to be submitted to be read. I would appreciate if the statement is to be read aloud consideration of someone other than ourselves to do this.

When myself and neighbours and friends submitted the petition by the deadline of 30 November 2016 we were told by David Hill Senior Planning Officer at NHDC that the petition would be submitted to HCC as well. In the Spring of 2017 we had not heard from NHDC or HCC so we approached both. HCC said on the phone that they did not have the petition several times. We were asked to submit the petition to them which we subsequently did not by email as asked as it couldn't be emailed – it was too large so we submitted it by snail mail in exactly the same form as to NHDC.

We received replies from yourself dated 29 June and from HCC Highways Support Team dated 19 July (a copy of the later is included).

In the light of what HCC say and the strength of public opinion on the desperate situation that exists with the infrastructure locally let alone when the planned changes are brought about we are also submitting alternative or additional proposals for a solutions to the problems. We feel however that NHDC and /or HCC (and perhaps other councils in the light of our telephone conversation) need to address these problems urgently as the situation continues to deteriorate.

As the statement affects both Hitchin and Stevenage and generally the North Herts/ Beds area we would appreciate the statement being forwarded to all relevant hearings.

Thank you very much in anticipation  
Yours Sincerely

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## STATEMENT FROM STEVENAGE ROAD PETITION GROUP 16 OCTOBER 2017

A petition about the traffic on Stevenage Road was submitted to NHDC by the deadline for the Local Plan on 30 November 2016 suggesting the problems that exist viz Excessive levels of air pollution

Very great noise for residents

Congestion causing hazards

Traffic does not stay within the speed limit (New signs simply tell us this) and is dangerous

Opportunist crimes

These problems are deteriorating and will be made worse by building of approx 17000 houses in the N Herts area if nothing is done to improve the situation.

The infrastructure of the whole of the NHerts area could be improved by a bypass as at present Stevenage Road is a through road for traffic going to Lister Hospital, Stevenage and in the opposite direction traffic for Luton Airport and Bedford Industrial Estate.

There is much strong feeling that matters must be improved.

The original proposal for a bypass was suggested by NHDC earlier than 2000 and a lot of local residents from Hitchin and Stevenage and further afield felt that it should be built as an extension to the Wymondley Bypass south of Hitchin joining the A602 outside of Hitchin and perhaps the A600 to Bedford.

On submission of the petition to HCC at the end of June 2017 a letter was received ref 201012870750 from the Highways Support Team which was stated that it must remain "a long term aspiration" as work was being proposed for the A1(M) Corridor growth and transport.

In the light of this we would like consideration that the bypass gets considered within this too. There were suggestions that a spur be taken off the A1(M) perhaps near Corey's Mill and a major road run through more open country avoiding villages South of Hitchin joining the A602 to Luton further from Hitchin and perhaps the A600 to Bedford as well.

In the meanwhile a toll could be put in place for through traffic but not residents.

We feel NHDC HCC and other councils must address this issue soon for present and future generations in North Herts and supply ideas.

Thank you for your consideration of this statements.

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Date: 19 July 2017

Dear Ms Watts

Re: Petition for Bypass

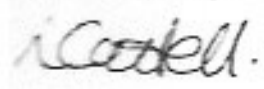
Thank you for your letter received 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and for the petition requesting for a bypass to Stevenage Road which was submitted to North Hertfordshire District Council on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

A southern bypass for Hitchin features in the current Hitchin Urban Transport Plan as a longer term consideration. Certainly, the issue gets raised periodically, but it is not one of the highest priority schemes with County Council Members.

The Urban Transport Plan is to be replaced by the A1 Corridor Growth and Transport Plan GTP consultation on which is expected to start towards the end this financial year. The due process in developing this GTP will highlight whether there is still the requirement or appetite to pursue this scheme.

As things stand, the southern bypass remains a long-term aspiration.

Yours sincerely



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