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I have many concerns about the above:

1) concerns about health of local people of all ages from emissions, particles, construction noise, dust /fumes during the 4 year project proposed, and in particular I worry about those with long term health conditions such as asthma. I also include worries about mental health impacts - stress, rage, frustration etc - during this long project near very populated areas, and safety issues from traffic trying to rat run through residential areas.

2) concerns about the wider environmental impacts - the loss of a significant chunk of the land of Markeaton Park, a much used and loved "green lung" in the area, as well as loss of a number of healthy mature trees along both sides of the existing A38 road, and impacts on lakes, the brook, and associated wildlife habitats.

3) Widening the A38 will make walking and cycling in the area even less safe and more dangerous, yet we know that both the climate emergency and the policies to get people to move more in order to avoid obesity and associated problems such as diabetes need strengthening rather than weakening.

4) Young people's futures are another concern. There are many children and young people who have few opportunities to have a voice in relation to the A38 project, yet the air they breathe, their nurseries, schools, play areas, community centres, homes, safe transport modes and health will all be severely impacted for a long period of time.

4) The University of Derby is also alongside the A38, and it has worked hard to raise its teaching and research quality scores and its wider reputation, locally, nationally and internationally. It is also a major local employer. Staff and students and their parents would surely find this road project very off-putting, blighting their remaining period at the University, in the case of existing students & employees, or having consequences for recruitment of all potential recruits. The economic and reputational impact on the University and hence also on the City would be profound, and possibly take a long period of recovery. In the context of austerity years, and a possible new global recession, it seems madness to prioritise expensive and old-fashioned /short-sighted road widening projects. Encouraging and enabling better traffic management, and more through traffic to choose alternative routes, or better provision for public transport, increasing rail freight and other mitigations might together produce better planned outcomes without so much expense and so many destructive consequences.

I hope that my citizen's objections receive consideration though I realise there will be many vested interests lobbying the panel and the Council in their own interests.

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