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I am writing to object to the A38 Derby junctions scheme. I am a local resident of Derby. The grounds of my objection are as follows:

The A38 Derby junctions planning documents explicitly show an increase in carbon emissions, both from the construction and induced traffic. The savings from a cars idling less will not negate the carbon emitted from the scheme.

The A38 Derby junctions scheme was planned before the Department for Transport was required to publish a decarbonising transport plan to meet net zero 2050 law. This road scheme was designed to facilitate traffic growth by unlocking land in the west of Derby for huge car dependent housing developments. This completely contradicts the need to reduce road traffic to meet climate targets.

It was also planned before the construction of the A50 southern bypass and associated improvements at the M1 junction and the new rail hub near East Midlands airport, all of which negate the need to expand the A38 as a trunk road.

The electric or hydrogen vehicle revolution will not happen fast enough to meet climate targets for 2030. Currently the UK Government is hoping consumers will all switch to electric vehicles but these are very expensive and there are not enough charging points. Electric vehicles are not as low carbon as walking, cycling or public transport.

The majority of private car trips in Derby could be completed by foot, bike or bus if enough investment was given to cycling infrastructure and improving bus services. Community car clubs and car sharing apps are another way that road traffic could be reduced. There is no need for the grade separation aspects of the A38 if these solutions are adopted because local roads would be far less congested.

This scheme requires the destruction of thousands of trees and several areas of valuable habitat and part of a park used by tens of thousands of people. This is in direct contradiction to the Government's stated aim to increase UK tree cover by 30,000 Hectare and increase biodiversity.

The £250 million budgeted for this carbon increasing and outdated road expansion should be spent on sustainable transport for all to reduce road traffic.

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