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Response to the 4NW and NWDA Regional Funding Advice, December 2008 (NW RFA) consultation draft

Dear Mr. Bancroft,

I am writing to urge 4NW and the NWDA to reconsider their support for the A628 Mottram Tintwistle bypass and the A57 Glossop Spur when considering the spending priorities for the region in the RFA2 process.

I do not support the bypass and spur proposals. I am very concerned that the scheme will increase traffic in the local area, that it will lead to increased levels of pollution and CO₂, and that it will cause irreparable damage to the countryside.

If the Mottram Tintwistle bypass goes ahead an extra 15,000 tonnes per year of CO₂ will be emitted into the atmosphere. Given the threat of climate change it seems inconceivable that we are still considering schemes that will increase levels of CO₂ without giving due attention to less-polluting alternatives that would cost much less to implement. We should be funding public transport schemes, investing in the railways, further expanding the metro system, providing communities with integrated transport systems, and encouraging people to walk and cycle more, benefiting both the environment and human health. The Mottram Tintwistle bypass will achieve the direct opposite of all these aims, diverting funds from sustainable solutions that are in line with the latest thinking on transport and the environment.

Your comments:

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Your Address _____

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