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Dear Sir/Madam

NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: THE A350 CORRIDOR

You recently requested views about local planning issues in this area and this is our response, to which we hope you will give consideration.

Living in one of the villages along the A350 corridor, we are increasingly concerned with the quantity of heavy traffic which plies its way through our villages. We realise that you have done much to ameliorate this and the problems incurred on the C13. However, the greater size of lorries on the road these days has meant that the verges of the road are being eroded, the man-hole covers are difficult to anchor satisfactorily and in several places both roads are too narrow for lorries to pass each other in opposite directions. Everyone knows we need a solution to the problem and that the planned by-passes need to be built. The traffic can only increase.

It is therefore ESSENTIAL that the land identified and safeguarded for such bypasses needs to be protected from use for housing. We feel very strongly about this.

We see new roads in France, Spain, Portugal, Germany and Italy with wonderful surfaces, little traffic on them and magnificent bridges, which do not detract from the beauty of the surrounding countryside at all. Many have wind turbines nearby, which do not seem to spoil the view either, but that is another matter.

We should be grateful if you could add our names to the list of those who have asked for the land which is identified and safeguarded for the Shaftesbury Outer Bypass and the Charlton Marshall and Spetisbury Bypass to remain in place for improvements to the road network.

Yours faithfully

Lt Col C P T Brown

