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Dear Sir or Madam,

M2 Junction 5 improvements scheme - Consultation response

Bredgar Parish Council have reviewed the M2 J5 Junction update proposal. Councillors have submitted their views independently using the online survey. This letter provides the collective view of the Parish Council.

Councillors consider that Option 12a will provide short term benefit for traffic movements overall, but with limited improvements for Bredgar residents. The Parish Council have the following concerns about Option 12a:

- Due to the additional traffic joining the Bredgar exit from Chestnut Street and the lack of traffic lights on that exit, local traffic may experience longer delays or difficulty when entering onto the roundabout.
- The new roads and infrastructure on the east side of the A249 require too much land take and have a negative impact on the countryside.
- Option 12a is unlikely to meet the long term needs for the area. The future housing numbers and industrial growth in the Swale Local Plan will quickly negate any advantage gained from implementing Option 12a.

In our view Options 4 or 10 (with flyover/underpass) are needed to meet the longer term needs for Swale. If these options are reconsidered we would encourage planners to investigate ways to implement them with less land take, reduced impact on the countryside, greater separation of through traffic from local traffic and lower cost.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Bredgar Parish Council