Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Here are the notes from the hearing at Derby Conference Centre at 5 30pm on 10th December

This will not be an accurate account as I spoke off the cuff and not from notes but it contains the gist of my submission.

There is a climate emergency, there is too much CO2 in the atmosphere and we need to stop putting any more in there.

The atmosphere is global, what affects one affects all, and it is the global poor, those in marginal environments, the animals and the ecosphere which will suffer first and most. This is much more than a local issue.
I may add that the poorer people in the local community who do not have cars and rely on busses will be the most inconvenienced and least benefited, so this is an economic justice issue.

I travel by bus from Ashbourne, it is too expensive and the buses need to be more frequent. There will be delays during the construction and the money would be better spent on more frequent, cheaper buses all around Derby, which would benefit a larger number of people and the environment.

As for Visual amenity, the removal of elegant bridges will be adverse:

Demolition of houses detracts from the settled mature appearance of the area.

Loss of mature trees depletes the environment of habitat, carbon sink and visual amenity.

This is a zombie project, it is universally acknowledged that multidisciplinary approaches are needed for sustainable, fair and affordable transport.

Derby has a world reputation for engineering innovation, so why implement a solution which is already 20 years behind the times?

The big question which I need an answer to is:

WHO BENEFITS FROM THIS APART FROM THE CONTRACTORS?

Yours Faithfully,

Ms E M Smail.