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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

The Report has done little to convince me that a tunnel – even an extended tunnel - would be the right solution; it would be too great a disruption to the underground natural structures and drainage patterns.

Tunnels, although theoretically protected from the elements, require much maintenance – vide the road tunnels under the river Thames. They also require huge amounts of fuel to construct – used by boring machines and/or diggers and the fuels used in producing cement - already one of the world's biggest drivers of global warming.

I have long favoured a southern relief road with an improved junction. The existing roundabout is a polluting bottleneck. Free-moving traffic causes less pollution.

An incident (collision, fire, medical emergency) in a tunnel is difficult of rapid access for emergency services; polluting lorries running refrigeration units and other traffic would be stacked for hours in extreme cases. Provision for emergency evacuation and other safety measures represent a cost not inherent in building an above-ground road.

The tunnel and approach works would take much longer to build; traffic is increasing all the time – and so is pollution. Separation by distance is desirable therefore; and cheaper; and quicker.

Faithfully,

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