

Dear Dave/Mr Goldstone

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our views to you regarding the Beccles Neighbourhood Plan at National Women's Register this morning.

I am writing here as an individual rather than representing the discussion group I took part in, though traffic infrastructure seemed to be an issue of general concern at our meeting.

That is what I would like to raise here.

As you know all too well Beccles has a Medieval town centre layout and growth is restricted by the river Waveney and surrounding marshland.

The more housing development there is on the outskirts of the town, the more pressure is of course put on this little town centre. Hopefully the Southern by pass will help

by taking away some commercial through traffic. However, many journeys still involve a car trip to or across the centre.

I have lived in Beccles since 1991, up until 2014 in Gosford Road. Now we are living in London Road, and while we walk into town when practical we find food shopping and petrol means using the car regularly to reach the opposite side of town. I feel planning decisions such as placing Lidl in the present complex of supermarkets (two)

and petrol stations (three) rather than on the southern side of town near the new bypass and most of the residential areas are missed opportunities.

Regarding narrow pavements I am all too aware of the dangers of these in London Road. My daughter will not risk using them with her small daughter in a pushchair.

On these occasions we use alternative longer routes or the town bus.

These are not original views, but I hope they will be of use.

Kind regards,

Name withheld for privacy