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Dear Sir or Madam,

Chichester Local Plan 2021-2039 Chapter 8 Transport and Accessibility Southern Gateway Regeneration Area

I have, just, managed to glance at this plan and more specifically look at the Southern Gateway. For the last 20 years I have lived overlooking the Railway and so will know infinitely more than any consultants you might wish to consult (at vast expense) and, with others, have determined the causes of delays, which are not always the Level Crossing Gates. As one who lives so locally I would suggest that I know as much as any local ward councillors and certainly more than any out-of-town councillors.

The bus depot is, I believe, locally listed as an important structure but it is the Bus station proposals that astonish and amaze me. I am aghast with fury at the idea of replacing the Bus Station with a row of bus stops-this is a moronically stupid idea devoid of any common sense. (Section 10.13).

I would refer you to the Chichester Society's paper, written without the jargon and drivel that populates your proposals (a statement building on the Bus Station site should articulate a sense of arrival-apart from this being utter drivel, how would it because no one would see it, having arrived elsewhere).

I enclose a couple of copies of the Chichester Society Plan-whilst a member I am not on their committeewith a request that you study it very carefully indeed.

A row of bus stops down a windy road is a disgrace, you have only to look at Worthing Sea Front to realise that this does not work. If Redhill can have a small bus facility opposite the Railway Station and Havant and Portsmouth both have excellent Bus Stations, why should we as the County Town have anything worse.

The Chichester Society plan is available on their website and I most strongly urge, no, instruct you to view it and take great heed of the intelligent comments made therein which is far more intelligent than your drivel in your plan. I was amused by the fact that you refer to flooding, very clearly unlikely to occur because there is a canal many metres lower than the development site and if there was flooding the whole of Chichester would be awash and there would be no trains at all. Just go and look at the site to see just what rubbish that is.

I am opposed to all of the policy comments included in Statement A4 relating to the Southern Gateway.

Chichester District Council

