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Dear Sirs,

My attention has been drawn to the existence of the Barker Review's Interim Report.

Given that:

1. "The goal of all aspects of planning is to create successful places, etc."
2. the road environment is the most dangerous one that people face on a day-to-day basis
3. land use has a direct bearing on the nature and volume of road traffic
4. developers are only interested in the cheapest, not the safest, means of connection to roads,
5. much time is being wasted while developers, planners and engineers squabble over such matters, and
6. local authorities have not the funds to ensure that development do not increase danger through poor design choice or ignorance of good road network design practice,

I was, initially, surprised to find that the word "safety" appears not even once in the Interim Report.

The weakness may be within the brief, of course, but I wonder whether that might be amended after discussion with the client.

Otherwise, I very much fear that "speeding up the process" will result in far more road accident casualties than need occur in the future - and these have an economic cost that this otherwise apparently excellent report also overlooks.

Yours faithfully,

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