

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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I am making this submission to lodge my objection to the proposed new Windsor Bridge.

As a long-time resident of Windsor, I don't think we need a new bridge, it just needs to be looked after properly. I can't remember ever seeing any maintenance work being done on it as long as I've lived here, and the thing badly needs painting and the road surface redone.

The proposal to demolish the bridge and replace it with another in virtually the same spot is simply stupid. It won't fix the traffic problems, it won't fix flooding and it ruins the atmosphere of Thompson Square, the oldest town square in the country. There is no good reason to ruin the tourism potential of the area if it isn't going to make a massive difference to the traffic and flooding issues.

The landscaping plan for the Square is also pretty silly. You can't make the Square bigger because it includes the houses around it, and putting blue lines on walls to "interpret" flood levels won't make the area more attractive when you can't see from one side of the square to the other because of a brick wall. One of the artist impressions even had a beach for God's sake!

If the government wants to mine sand they shouldn't be lying to the locals and pretending they are doing this for our benefit. We don't want it. We voted out all the people who supported it, and will probably keep doing that until they start listening.

Thanks for your time. Sorry about the rant.