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I am replying to your letter acknowledging my submission and realised today that I should have made a mention about the bridge. I REALLY think that the new road should be a ring road on the east side, towards Lake Hood. When we lived in a big city in South Africa there was talk of a ring road taking the heavy traffic and passing traffic out of the city. As with Ashburton, the retailers and a lot of people were afraid that it would take business away from the city, but in fact it didn't, because anyone wanting or needing to go into the town, took the direct route, so it made a difference to congestion in the city but made no impact on the retailers. It seems crazy that we have so many really heavy vehicles passing literally through the centre of our town.

Regards
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