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**Attachments:** 1007\_2D\_TR1\_A6-MA\_GA\_161 (1).pdf; Rebuttal of evidence.pdf

Dear Jayne

Please find attached a copy of SMBC's rebuttal of my evidence plus further evidence to support my claim that the ancient woodland in the path of the SEMMMS route was inaccurately recorded during the 2013 public consultations.

The attached drawing incorrectly identifying the extent of Carr Wood ancient woodland, was issued August 2013 during the consultation and signed JM. (Jim McMahon)

It omits the ancient woodland south of Norbury Brook.

I would be obliged if you would share this with the inspector  
Many thanks

Julie Waddicor

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 69% (6,208) support the proposed A6MARR with approximately 50% (4,505) of all respondents specifying that they are strongly in favour of the Scheme;</li> <li>• 13% (1,132) of respondents are not in favour or definitely not in favour of the proposed Scheme;</li> <li>• The remaining 18% (1,691) of respondents have indicated that they have no <b>feeling</b> either way, do not know or have not provided an answer on whether they support the overall proposed Scheme or not.</li> </ul> <p>The objector is therefore incorrect in stating that <i>"At the public consultation of 2013, no other choices were made available to the public and instead, they were presented with the road as a fait accompli, the consultations were only on which junctions the public preferred."</i></p>	
46/R05	<p>Alarming, the public consultations on this scheme in 2013 omitted vital information. Stockport Council was made aware of this information well ahead of the consultation period, and yet did not include it in their engagement with the public.</p> <p>The first is that Carr Wood – an ancient bluebell woodland and local treasured beauty spot which is on the national inventory and legally protected – is in the path of the road and will be largely destroyed. Because the SEMMMS project team originally misinterpreted the ancient woodland as an SBI and inaccurately recorded its position on their map, any alternative route to avoid its destruction was not considered until very late in the process, was not disclosed during the</p>	<p>The suggestion that the public consultations held in 2013 omitted important information relating to Carr Wood is not correct. The ancient woodland was indicated on a drawing entitled 'Emerging Preferred Scheme, Landscape and Ecology Mitigation - Sheet 10'. The drawing was on display at the consultation exhibitions and available on the project website and correctly represented on the map.</p> <p>The Council does not agree that the wood will be largely destroyed. The Environmental Statement makes due recognition of the ancient woodland in its assessment of the environmental impact of the scheme. It notes that 0.08 ha of the 2.4 of the ancient woodland would be lost, representing a small proportion of the wood as a whole.</p> <p>It is not the case that ancient woodland is legally protected, it is, however, acknowledged the National Planning Policy Framework notes that:</p>	SS/ PR

