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Dear Sir/Madam

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) Request ID: FOI479058973

Thank you for your request for information relating to high carbon infrastructure and fossil fuel extraction planning.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. Has the Council approved any new *1 or expanded *2 roads or road junctions in its area from 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please list which ones were accepted.
- *1 The intention of this question is to understand overall increases in road capacity, rather than recent housing developments. Please exclude minor roads built exclusively to connect new housing to the pre-existing road network.

No. Whilst the Council has approved new road or junction schemes, such as the A45 Eastern Green junction, during 2019-23, these have been connected directly with new housing sites. Other approved schemes across the city have been either connected with the Local Air Quality Action Plan, or with the provision of new cycling or public realm infrastructure or enhanced public transport.

- *2 An expanded road or road junction is one that has increased capacity for motor vehicle traffic, not counting bus lanes, cycle infrastructure, or pedestrian infrastructure. Please include roads and junctions where new lanes have been added.
- 2. Has the council approved any new or expanded airport runways, terminals, measures to increase passenger numbers or other planning proposals that expand airport capacity in its

area since 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please list which ones were accepted.

No - there are no airports contained within the city boundary. The nearest airport, Coventry Airport, is in City Council ownership, but planning approval for the construction of a battery Gigafactory on the Airport runway has been granted outline planning approval. Therefore, the Airport is more likely to be decommissioned than expanded.

3. Has the Council approved any planning applications for fossil fuel extraction projects proposed in its area since 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please list which ones were accepted, including where relevant fossil fuel projects that were later 'called in' by central government.

By fossil fuel extraction projects we mean: any oil wells and fields (on or offshore), coal mines, fracking and shale gas, gas, natural (including liquified) gas (on or off shore) plants, and unabated fossil fuel generation and power plants well as related infrastructure such as pipelines and terminals for the fossil fuels.

There are no fossil fuel extractions projects proposed or active within Coventry. We have not had any applications for fossil fuel extraction projects.

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Yours faithfully

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