



Butterfly Conservation

Saving butterflies, moths and our environment

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Dear Professor Beshkov

PROPOSED MOTORWAY AT KRESNA GORGE

I was extremely concerned to read your report on the threats to Kresna Gorge from the construction of a new motorway. Butterfly Conservation fully supports your document outlining the huge biological importance of the site and why it must be saved. It seems that other alternative routes are available and would be far less damaging to the biodiversity of Bulgaria.

Kresna Gorge is listed as a Prime Butterfly Area for Bulgaria due to its high richness of butterflies. Your report also shows that it is extremely valuable for a wide range of other species as well. Such areas are incredibly precious and to be conserved not only for the health of biodiversity but also for the benefit of future generations. Their protection is also important to follow the Convention of Biological Diversity to which Bulgaria and the EU are signatory.

I wish you success in protecting this important site and offer our full support in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely

Dr Martin Warren

Chief Executive