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Dear Sirs,

Given the speed with which unforeseen events have changed our lives since 2020, one can only guess what will actually be needed twenty years hence.

However, come what may, imposing the type of road capable of taking the vastly increased traffic envisaged in this proposal will still be impossible to justify.

Rough Common is a village which over decades has earned an enviable reputation as a lovely place in which to live. To settle and raise a family - and not just one generation either. And since the fifties many developments, large and small, have been added, giving a good mix of different types of dwellings.

We're also lucky enough to have on our doorstep both the Stan Woods and the rightly highly promoted Crab and Winkle Cycle Track - equally loved and valued by walkers.

Reasons enough I would have thought to leave well alone. In fact, two things strike me regarding feasibility.

The central stretch of Rough Common Road is narrower. The houses far closer to it - in some cases, no more than a pavement's

distance away. It is the one on the bend between St Gabriel's and Lovell Road.

Leaving little scope for widening. The bend itself is pretty hazardous, made more so by the adjacent cross roads with Lovell Road on one side and on the other, not only Ross Gardens and Fir Tree Close, but the main entrance to the woods and its visitor carpark, New Road.

Secondly. Our house is one of the four facing Whitstable Road. Due in no small part to the proximity of three schools and the University, the traffic using the mini roundabout is, at times, reduced to a nose to tail crawl in all directions.

The plan, diagram, on the front page of the Kentish Gazette when this proposal was unveiled would suggest a function further up Whitstable Road towards Blean for the ringroad to continue in a clockwise direction - but a short walk down the Crab and Winkle to the Helicopter Pad leaves one wondering how?

But if two years of planning has found a way - importantly nowhere near the primary school! - then the tide of extra vehicles and their resentful drivers will cause chaos. And not just at times.

Sadly in trying to solve a problem in one area, you'll have succeeded in blighting another. Please think again.

Yours sincerely



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