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Policy SS4 – Movement and transportation strategy for the district

1 message

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Dear Sirs,

I must express my concerns and reservations about the proposals for new traffic plans and the proposal to split Canterbury into five separate zones. In particular, I am concerned about the detrimental effect that this will have on Rough Common, where I currently live.

The Rough Common Road is already heavily congested with traffic at peak times and would not be able to cope with the increase in traffic that is being diverted away from, and around, the City centre.

The current road would have to be widened into a dual carriageway to cope with the traffic levels, and to do this would require the compulsory purchase of many properties. This is not feasible and not fair on those who may be forced to move.

In addition, the increase in traffic would have a detrimental effect on residents both in terms of additional noise and pollution levels.

The zones would also impact on residents' ability to quickly and easily access shops and services in central Canterbury.

It is disappointing that the village has lost its bus service - why? Reinstating this, and making the cost of public transport far cheaper, would encourage residents to use public transport more. Currently, many elderly residents have been impacted by the loss of the bus service. In fact, many had moved to Rough Common because it did have a bus service. Now, the nearest bus stop is in Whitstable Road, which is too far a walk for many elderly residents (forcing them to bear the cost of expensive taxis to get into Canterbury).

It would also be concerning if proposals for a new Park and Ride were implemented at Harbledown or Upper Harbledown. The last proposal had suggested using Grade 1 arable land for this purpose behind the Kent College Junior School. We should not be turning any farmland into a car park!

Yours Sincerely

Stuart Earl

