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Response to draft local plan policy SS4

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Dear Sir, Madam,

We are writing to object to the proposed upgrade of Rough Common Road as part of the Canterbury Local Plan, specifically in relation to Policy SS4. We strongly believe that this road is completely unsuitable for such an upgrade, and I would like to bring to your attention several reasons why this is the case.

Firstly, the pavement along Rough Common Road (between numbers 79 and 81) is already too narrow for primary school children to safely navigate themselves. There is simply no space to widen the road, and increasing traffic will only make this outright dangerous.

Secondly, a significant issue is the pinch point between [Rough Common Road \(number 61\)](#) and St Gabriel's Church. This is a natural crossing point for children going to Blean School, however, it is already an uncomfortable crossing here as it is in a bend with limited visibility.

Thirdly, there are multiple school bus routes with stops on Rough Common Road. These cater for children who are not all traffic-aware all of the time, since many of them are travelling independently for the first time. This is an accident waiting to happen.

Furthermore, Rough Common Road is not the bottleneck; the real pinch point is the three nearby schools: Blean Primary and Kent College on Whitstable Road, and St Edmunds School on Giles Lane. This is exacerbated by the awkward Whitstable Road/Giles Lane junction. Upgrading Rough Common Road will only transport cars towards the pinch point more efficiently and not solve congestion.

Lastly, for those of us who cycle Rough Common Road daily as part of our commutes, it's currently barely doable in rush hour. Increasing traffic without separate cycle lanes will make this impossible. The proposed cycle route through Lovell Road is not a solution if you don't happen to live on Lovell Road.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed upgrade of Rough Common Road and to take into account the safety concerns of the local community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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