

Kent Street: Traffic data and hedge & tree line

I note that the Applicant has recently uploaded traffic data deemed to be derived from Kent Street at some point in May. The data as presented is not consistent with our experience (as a resident on a lane off Kent Street) in the following ways:  
> the data suggests a vehicle passing every 2 minutes (using 314 Two-way vehicles 7am-7pm) whereas for most of our car or horse box journeys we see no other vehicle  
> and the data would suggest us horse riders continually holding up multiple vehicles during our longer rides along Kent Street, whereas in practice we typically encounter one vehicle at most

The new traffic data is also inconsistent with the data generated by the recent ENSO traffic survey.

It is the current low and slow traffic flow along Kent Street which is precisely what sets it apart from double lane Wineham Lane (traffic volume is probably 5% or less of that along Wineham Lane) and which means Kent Street has such a high amenity value to cyclists, horse riders, rambles and dog walkers.

Separately, in my previous submission, I highlighted how one of the Applicant's proposed new Kent Street passing places made no sense as it was on the site of a deep drainage ditch. I have further noticed that two proposed 45 meter passing places are drawn across the whole tree and hedge line onto Oakdene land. This degree of unnecessary environmental destruction would be so indefensible that perhaps I should trust that it is just an oversight by the Applicant? Nevertheless, I strongly urge the Planning Inspectorate to highlight this error and insist on its correction. This permanent loss of ancient oak trees and hedge line, simultaneously destroying any screening of Kent Street from the proposed substation for a generation, cannot be a price the local community is forced to pay - its another reason why the proposed cable route access point should be directly from the A272 onto the Oakdene site.

Many thanks.