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Dear Sirs,

We have read the responses by ABC, KCC and Highways England (the Applicant).

We would like to clarify one clear and unsurmountable point. At every J10a public consultation meeting with HE, KCC and ABC, the subject of rat running along Highfield Lane and Kingsford Street, once Highfield Lane Bridge was demolished, was discussed and acknowledged. It will be a direct result of the scheme. The resolution, proposed by ABC, who acknowledged the problem, was to use the S106 Agreement with Friends Life to provide the turning circle. This was their proposal and their resolution to the issue of rat running. The fact that the planning permission and consequent S106 agreement have been delayed, is not our responsibility. It is for the Secretary of State to decide whether there was intent to protect residents' safety and now it is no longer necessary? We feel it is important not to lose sight of what we are dealing with here i.e. a safety issue and attach a recent photo taken in Kingsford Street.

This problem is as a direct result of the demolition of Highfield Lane bridge and the realignment of Kingsford Street. The Secretary of State must try to resolve the impasse created by the delay in Friends Life handing over the land as required and HE's refusal to accept they will cause dangerous numbers of vehicles to be diverted down rural lanes.

The solution to this problem has to be found as part of the Secretary of State's decision.

Your sincerely,

Linda Arthur
for and on behalf of Mersham Residents

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