

The following points reaffirm and amplify the concerns which I raised at Issue Specific Hearing 3 in relation to Agenda item 3:

- 1) The proposed design will potentially create congestion where traffic travelling west on the new 2 way link road meets the roundabouts on the south side of A2 near Valley Drive.
- 2) Traffic which currently travels from the A289 via Halfpence Lane through Cobham will no longer be able to do so, which is good for Cobham. However, it will instead divert through Henhurst Road (less than 5 metres wide with a blind hump at Henhurst hill and a blind 90 degree bend), Jeskyns Road and Sole Street.
- 3) On top of this increase, there will be further growth in the volume of traffic through Henhurst Road and Sole Street due to that route becoming a "short cut" between the Lower Thames Crossing and the A227 at Camer Corner for traffic travelling to or from Wrotham, Tonbridge etc.
- 4) A particular concern will be the increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) " LTC's modelling (ref APP-523) suggests 52-60 HGVs per hour travelling south on Henhurst Road in the morning peak.

In answer to the Examining Authority's question, "Have sufficient measures been taken to meet the principal objectives of the scheme by eliminating or substantially mitigating the identified problems by improving operational conditions and simultaneously minimising adverse impacts" in this location? (NNNPS paragraph 4.31), the answer is clearly no.