

**1) Please confirm the evidence base document this comment relates to.**

PS\_108 Action Note on Action Points 27 and 29 regarding written statements from KCC Highways on Policy AL/RTW 19 Land north of Hawkenbury Recreation Ground, Royal Tunbridge Wells and Policy AL/HA 8 Site at Limes Grove, Hawkhurst (September 2024)

**4) Do you consider the evidence base document on which you are commenting, makes the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) (please tick or cross as appropriate):**

	Yes	No
Legally Compliant	Selected	Not Selected
Sound	Not Selected	Selected

**5) Please give details of why you consider the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) is not legally compliant or unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments. The text box will automatically expand if necessary.**

A continued lack of consideration for the local community within Hawkenbury who will be severely disrupted by the increased traffic and footfall in what is a small village in close proximity to Tunbridge Wells. No consideration or remediation has been given to increased pollution (air, noise, light) within the evidence based document. The area lacks the infrastructure to accommodate this plan, nothing in the evidence based document alters this and KCC Highways contentment at the plan is misplaced. There is one public transport service that was recently to be dropped and only survived with the support of AXA.

Additionally, given the recent Hollyfields development causing severe disturbance and damage to local highways, with KCC and Berkley homes inability to take accountability for the damage, KCC's comments lack all credibility and there is no confidence in their statements being truthful - note minor repairs made to Marylands Road with no funding allocated to other roads damaged by Berkley's construction vehicles (Forest Way, Lambourn Way, rest if Marylands Road).

**6) Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified in question 5 above where this relates to legal compliance or soundness. You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible. The text box will automatically expand if necessary.**

Remove this from the local plan, as the whole intention is unsound and quite frankly alarming that it would be pushed by the council.

Removing multiple green spaces throughout the town, used by a broader range of its population, centralising it in one location that has no infrastructure and a community that the majority oppose the idea. It makes no sense except, presumably, from a financial view for the council, which then prompts the question of are you serving the people you represent or willingly damaging communities to save/make money.