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Dear Charlotte,

I would like to add a suggestion to the TWBC Local Development Scheme.

The A228 Pembury Road is a constant source of traffic problems and I note there are further mitigations planned. One thing that would make a significant difference and solve other issues too, at low cost, is to make the A21 Pembury South junction traffic light controlled or possibly a roundabout created.

This would have a number of benefits;

- The main benefit would be that traffic heading north from Pembury could enter the A21 here rather than join a queue of up to 30 minutes at peak times to cross the A228-Tonbridge Road junction
- The visual carriageway crossing manoeuvre to enter Pembury from the A21 at the Pembury South junction would be eliminated - there have been two fatalities here
- Traffic going north on the Tonbridge Road to the Hospital and beyond would no longer be stuck behind traffic waiting to turn left(west) onto the A228 Pembury Road bound for Tunbridge Wells - at busy times just 2-3 vehicles can join the A228/Pembury Road westbound, and the High Street/Tonbridge Road has a pedestrian refuge 80 metres back from the junction creating a single file bottleneck dictated by the pace of traffic headed for Tunbridge Wells.
- The traffic lights would reduce the current tendency of southbound A21 traffic to race for position at the Kippings Cross roundabout where the road reduces to single carriageway.

There is a similar junction on the Ashton way section of the A228 as it passes the junction for West Malling station.

That is the idea in a nutshell - it has been shared with local councillors from TWBC, KCC and Pembury Parish Council - all of whom are warm to the idea.

Thank you for your time.

With Kind regards,

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Existing Pembury South A21 junction



A228 Ashton way Traffic light controlled junction



My crudely drawn suggestion for traffic lights and a northbound option at the Pembury south A21 junction

