

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

Strategic Transport Assessment and Addendum

To which part of the document listed in the question 1 above does this representation relate to?

2) Chapter and (if applicable) sub heading:

4.3.2 - Junction 72: A267 / B2169 Birling Road

3) Paragraph number or appendix:

N/A

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

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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.

This junction remains a major hotspot under all planned scenarios (LP, LPMS, LPHM1, LPHM2). Junction 72 - in particular for traffic heading south east out of Tunbridge Wells - is extremely dangerous. Its shape allows southbound traffic to avoid the A267 speed camera further south on Frant Road (between the Frant Rd/Birling Rd and Frant Rd/Forest Rd junctions), without slowing, and accelerate around a blind left hand bend with parked traffic, up a residential road, and past a children's nursery.

The large flow increases the LP anticipates in traffic using this junction and the B2169 create a huge shift in risk for the local community. I believe the council should consider a more detailed risk assessment at what mitigations are feasible for southbound traffic, given this Major Hotspot is on a residential street.

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That the plan ensure the council consider pedestrian safety measures given the increased use of Junction 72 - a Major Hotspot - for southbound traffic. This could be as simple as narrowing and

ensuring a right hand turn into the B2169 at Junction 72 for southbound traffic, as is already the case - but as a right hand turn - for northbound traffic joining the A267 from the B2169.

7) Please use this box for any other comments you wish to make. The text box will automatically expand if necessary.

The plan seems to omit references to pedestrian, horse and cycle traffic safety in its considerations, referring only to traffic flows.

8) If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the examination hearing session when it takes place? (please tick or cross as appropriate)

Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearing session

9) If you wish to participate at the examination hearing when it takes place, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.

To fully interrogate why Junction 72 has been recommended only to have a Monitor and Manage approach given its identification as a Major Hotspot.

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Infrastructure Delivery Plan

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Public transport, cycle and education sections

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The document seems to lack a coherent view of the interplay between the boroughs infrastructure needs with respect to public transport, cycling and education. Tunbridge Wells has five large secondary schools essentially co-located. Any plans to improve local bus services, cycle ways and considering educational provision, should take a strategic view of the needs and locations of this huge secondary school aged community as a whole.

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That no expansion in secondary education provision in the St John's area be considered until appropriate public transport and cycle provision is delivered for the current community.

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Please deliver the cycleways through the borough as soon as possible. Please ensure better (more timely and affordable) local bus transport to the boroughs secondary schools.

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