

HASTINGS LOCAL PLAN 2014 - EXAMINATION HEARINGS

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Comments for Mr. Richard Hollox via Mrs. Patricia Stephenson - Rep 0272/2

I have carefully read this 10 page report and have come to the conclusion that as the BHLR is nearing completion there is nothing anyone can do to wind back the clock. It was always a given that the new link road would increase traffic on The Ridge and this will have to be accepted.

It would be unfeasible and out of the question to halt any further development on The Ridge but it is important that all necessary 'complementary' solutions to alleviate the obvious build up of traffic must be implemented in order to avoid accidents and congestion along this already busy road. I am most concerned that school children may be placed at additional risk on this dangerous road, sections of which have no pavement facility.

The additional Gateway link road is another matter entirely and I do not agree with these proposals and have already lodged my objections on the planning website. This new proposal was not part of the Local Plan consultation and therefore it was never up for discussion within the context of the Local Plan and this is a great pity.

However, there are now suggestions on the planning website which suggest the transport assessment of the proposed new road indicates that predicted congestion in both 2016 and 2018 is worse at almost every junction WITH the Gateway road than without. This is in conflict with the figures released in ESCC'S latest documents and does require a professional second opinion.

It is also worth mentioning that there are over three hundred objections on the planning websites as of today.

My objections to this additional road is because of my despair at the loss of so much woodland and wildlife in this town and also the fact that we already have a plethora of empty commercial premises in Hastings and St. Leonards and this new roadway is clearly intended to accommodate yet more commercial premises.

Patricia Stephenson 23 January 2015 - Rep 0272