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## **REPORT: A1**

### **To the CE of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council**

### **REIGATE SOCIETY TRANSPORT COMMITTEE COMMENTS.**

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### **Planning for the future at Reigate & Banstead**

### **Redhill Town Centre-----Consultation**

### **Sustainable Transport Response Notes:**

Dear Sir

1.0 SUSTAINABILITY;-

What are the population growth targets over what period ?

What Climate changes are anticipated;- eg. The effect of a rising sea level & population migration from low coastal lands and river estuaries?

The long term provision of a potable water supply ?

What carbon costs;- eg. The effect of fuel costs & carbon tax ?

***What figures have been used ?***

2.0 RAIL TRANSPORT;- Predicted growth and Capacity ?

It is assumed that recent predictions are correct and that more capacity will be required within the decade. ie, Extra Track & platform facilities..

2.1 A possible Interim solution;-

Provide for a Grade Separated Junction for Reading / Tonbridge Gatwick line and reduce demand on main line station.

2.2 Action required

***Do not build on land required for a new railway layout.***

3.0 RAIL / BUS INTERCHANGE ;-The best location is at Station Square

3.1 Action required

***3.2 Retain roundabout to facilitate turning of bus / taxi similar to the present layout .Provide new bus station / taxi rank.***

***Personal access & safety;-Provide ramp & Escalator to rail platform.***

4.0 TRAFFIC SAFETY;- Segregate Traffic & Pedestrians

4.1 Action required

***Delete bus bays on Princess way & use station square for bus travel North South & East.***

5.0 PRINCESS WAY, MARKET FIELD WAY ( ref; page 17)

Roundabout / Traffic signals:-Roundabouts are sustainable

Traffic signal failure at X roads & T junctions are not.

5.1 Action required.:- **Retain / adjust Roundabouts.**

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6.0 PARKING :- Bearing in mind the percentage of the population that intends or aspires to personal mobility (say 60% to 80%) Are the present proposals adequate for:-

All the accommodation to be provided? ( including Business & Shoppers. etc.)

6.1 Action required;

**If YES Do the proposals effectively eliminate the need for long term on street parking and on footway parking?**

**If NO What effect will this have on Road capacity & traffic flow, Safety, Emergency, & LG services.**

7.0 ROAD TRAFFIC CAPACITY:-

What provisions has been made for traffic growth on the A25, A23, A217 ?

What provisions are to be made for traffic transferred from the M25 and M23 so that town centre "grid lock" might be avoided or is the only long term by pass solution for Reigate & Redhill that of a Tunnel / viaduct / or other means.

7.1 Action required

**A review please**

8.0 NATIONAL BUS SERVICES CALLING AT REDHILL and REIGATE :-

What provision can be made for the restoration of the previously enjoyed service between Gatwick / Heathrow ; Brighton / London , and possibly M25 / Dover.

Does the present congestion and traffic delay have an effect upon this desirable option for the Transport Hubs ?

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Chairman of the Reigate Society Transport Committee.

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