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***THE REIGATE SOCIETY**

***TRANSPORT SUB - COMMITTEE**

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***REPORT No. 16.**

***A23 Earlswood Crossroads**

January 2011

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***1.0 Complaint received;-**

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*A complaint has been made to the Society that North bound traffic on the A23 is seriously delayed at this junction and that traffic backs up to Petridge Common where vehicles divert onto the A2044 Woodhatch Road, Reigate, through other residential streets.

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***2.0 Review;-**

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*In discussion the following problems were identified;-

*2.1 The north bound near side lane is normally obstructed by parked vehicles at the immediate approaches to the junction. These vehicles seem to be associated with the row of cottages and at least one workshop fronting almost directly onto a narrow footway.

*There is access and a Right of way to very small gardens and the Council Estate to the West but there does not appear to be space available for off Street parking

*2.2 The opposite South bound lane on the A23 has a footway, narrow verge and a demolished PH with ground and car parks all awaiting development. The possibility of moving the Southern approach to the East at this Junction was considered as a possible solution to some of the problems but would involve planning and land considerations.

*2.3 The Traffic Signal operation was considered and the question arose as to whether a longer time period should be allocated to the North bound Traffic flow.

*2.4 The South bound traffic flow through the junction does not appear to be seriously delayed one reason being that use is made of the two slip roads to avoid the Signals.

*(ie The Eastern half operates as roundabout).

*2.4 Consideration was given to the growing transport needs of the Waste Recycling Depot, Hospital Access and Parking, the Development of the SE Quadrant including the pending Planning Application for the Expansion of Redhill Aerodrome (see Report No. 17).

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***3.0 Conclusion;-**

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*3.1 Should the various Authorities and LEP decide to proceed with the long term population expansion more radical solutions may be necessary.

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*For and on behalf of the Reigate Society Transport Committee

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