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The proposed low proportion of 'affordable accommodation' in favour of what would doubtless be dwellings for the prosperous upper middle classes is unacceptable as is the proposal to delay even that provision until a phase two of construction. Middle class occupants would generate outward commuter and leisure traffic which neither the road nor railway systems could absorb.

The case for a secondary school, which would generate further traffic in an area with very poor local bus links to its presumed catchment area, does not stand up. If extra local capacity is needed the Hertford Avenue school could cope.

The replacement of open playing fields by a floodlit fenced-in facility (again, there are others nearby) would be a retrograde step to which we object.

The proposed hotel development if successful (which we doubt) would generate yet further traffic. If unsuccessful it would be a white elephant. Objectionable either way.

The proposed reordering of the Chertsey Court traffic junction would at best move traffic congestion a little further along the road at the cost of lost environmental amenity and is objectionable for that reason.

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