

Traffic Congestion Worsening



The A22 is the designated diversion route for any incident or closure on the M23, and therefore must remain free-flowing to accommodate diverted motorway traffic heading towards the M25. The proposed development would generate a substantial increase in vehicle movements, with the potential for at least two cars per dwelling resulting at least in approximately 2,000 additional daily journeys (Vehicle Movements). Such a significant rise in traffic would place severe pressure on the A22 through South Godstone and Godstone, as well as the M25 Junction 6 roundabout. This would compromise the strategic function of the A22 as a diversion route, increase congestion, and heighten safety risks for pedestrians crossing the A22. The associated increase in stationary and slow-moving traffic would also worsen air quality and pollution levels within the village.

The development therefore fails to demonstrate that it would not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or the operation of the strategic road network, contrary to the NPPF and Local Plan transport policies.