

OJC



Sent to [redacted] - Tol Area 5 18-5073  
[redacted]  
for information

Departments of the Environment and Transport

South East Regional Office

Federated House London Road Dorking Surrey RH4 1SZ

Telephone Dorking 885922 ext 244  
GTN 2624

---

Your reference

Sent to list attached

Our reference

CSE 426/1/1/06

Date

13 June 1984

---

M26/A225 OTFORD SLIP ROADS

1. I am writing to let you know that the Secretary of State for Transport has decided not to proceed with the proposal, announced in January 1981, to publish draft orders for east-facing slip roads between the M26 and the A225 at Otford.
2. As you will recall, the slip roads were recommended by a joint working party comprising representatives of local authorities and the Department of Transport, and their report had the support of the County and District Councils.
3. Since the announcement in 1981 many requests have been received from parish councils, local amenity societies and members of the public asking the Department not to proceed with the proposals and, in September 1983, the Sevenoaks District Council withdrew its support for the scheme. The Kent County Council also indicated that it would not support the scheme against the wishes of local interests.
4. The slip roads were planned to provide a convenient and economic access between Sevenoaks and the M26 to the east. This is primarily a local need, but since the proposals are now strongly opposed by a wide range of local opinion, and do not have the support of the County and District Councils, the Secretary of State has decided that it would not be right to proceed with them. The proposal to publish draft orders under the Highways Act has therefore been abandoned.
5. Many of those who wrote to the Department about the Otford slip roads favoured instead the provision of full interchange facilities with the M25 and the A21 at Chevening. As you will know, the Government decided in 1976, following a public inquiry, that the cost of these connections could not be justified by the traffic that would use them. However, the Secretary of State proposes to review the need for, and location of, any additional facilities on the M25/M26 after the Swanley to Sevenoaks section of the M25 and its Badgers Mount link road have been opened to traffic in 1986, when we shall have a clearer picture of traffic patterns in the area and account can be taken of any developments which may have occurred since the report of the working party.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]  
for Director (Transport)



[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Sevenoaks District Council  
Council Offices  
Argyle Road  
SEVENOAKS  
Kent  
TN13 1HG

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Kemsing Parish Council  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Seal Parish Council  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Shoreham Parish Council  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Riverhead Parish Council  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]

Dunton Green Parish Council  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

1/5  
Sent to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TAD Am 5 18-5

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Eynsford Village Society  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Kent County Council  
County Hall  
MAIDSTONE  
Kent