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Borough Green Traffic & J5 Slips

Dear Mr Carter,

Firstly, let me thank you for KCC's inclusion of J5 Slips in the Freight Plan. Full motorway connectivity at Sevenoaks will become crucial when the A21 dualling at Pembury is completed, and many of the benefits of that project will be lost if the congestion just moves north to Chevening.

The recent proposal for slips at Otford might at first seem the ideal answer to Borough Green's traffic problems, but we have long realised that there needs to be a coherent plan to tackle the problems of the entire area from Westerham to West Malling, and south to Watlington, Paddock Wood and Pembury.

After the loss of the Borough Green Bypass planning permission in 2007, and your courageous pledge to fund a new application, it has slowly dawned on the people of Borough Green that our beloved Bypass will now only ever be funded by mass development that would destroy the village we love.

We therefore believe that your debt to Borough Green could be met by assisting with our 9 point traffic plan as attached. This would relieve some of the traffic problems we face. Valerie Dagger is doing her best with her limited resources, and the Parish Council can also find a few pounds for the pot, but John Burr is blocked from greater help by the rigid constraints on his funding, but let me just note we think he has achieved miracles with such limited resources.

But Borough Green should be seen as a special case, and the relatively small amount of money needed to bring major relief is a drop in the ocean in KCC terms.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman, Borough Green Parish Council
Founder member J5 Slips Campaign
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Cc Cllr Valerie Dagger, Cllr Sue Murray, BGPC.