Taking traffic off A25 will benefit us all

THOSE cursed with living adjacent to the A25 corridor have dreamt for many years of a scheme that could put national traffic onto the motorway system where it belongs.

It is quite obvious that completing the Sevenoaks junction on the M25 would achieve that and, led by Tom Tugendhat MP, we have been urging residents to make submissions to the Government Consultations on Road Investment Strategy and Major Road Networks.

This time we have taken our campaign right into the heart of Sevenoaks. It is obvious that east Sevenoaks and Seal will benefit hugely from a reduction in traffic, and we have had an exceptional response from people whose plight has been ignored for years.

New slip roads at Junction 5 would take traffic noise and pollution out of villages, and generate growth by connecting the Sevenoaks area to the National Motorway Network.

While the campaign has been supported by parishes from Westerham to West Malling, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and Kent County Council, there is a small kernel of resistance in Riverhead, Chipstead and Chevening, where residents have been subjected to scaremongering about increased traffic. There are good reasons to believe that if traffic is taken off the A25, we will all benefit.

To those living in Westerham, Brasted and Sundridge, who might think this does not concern them, I say this – the last time you went to Maidstone, Medway or the Eurotunnel, how did you get there? I bet you went through Sevenoaks, Seal, Borough Green and Platt.

Michael Fallon MP has played his part in this scare-mongering, but without any evidence. Mr Fallon still has enough power at Westminster to get an independent Traffic Assessment carried out, which will give everyone the facts on which to make an informed decision.

Bartosz Wlodarczyk
Borough Green parish cllr

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IN ANSWER to the query the letters page of the January 25 Sevenoaks Chronicle, about rinsing tins, pots etc to recycled withou using extra wat One method i use water already use eg water u for washin fruit or vegetables.

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I always rinse food recycling containers and glass milk bottles for reus with water already used.

Diana Beamish
Eynsford

Attack on MP was a low blow

I AM writing in response to the article in the Sevenoaks Chronicle of February 1, regarding the Junction 5 slip road.

I take exception to the fact that Cllr Mike Taylor should stoop so low as to use Sir Michael Fallon's indiscretion against him in this debate, by saying that the timing for a renewed campaign in favour of a new slip at Junction 5 of the M25 should be right "due to Sir Michael having been slightly discredited".

What relevance a person's momentary lack of judgment has to do with such an important local issue, I am at a loss to comprehend.

Sir Michael, by his stance on a new slip, is representing the opinions of a great many of his constituents.

What may be of some benefit to villages to the north and east of the proposed slip, will bring misery to villages to the south and west, and also to Sevenoaks.

It would vastly increase the amount of traffic on inadequate roads in ours and many neighbouring parishes, cause increased congestion on the A25, and blight the countryside of Chevening and Sundridge.

Any vehicles accessing points west of the A21 and east of the A22 would naturally use shortcuts through Sundridge, Brasted and Westerham via the A25. Also, vehicles heading south east of Sevenoaks will use the A25 through Riverhead.

I would strongly advise Cllr Taylor to keep his comments to himself, stick to representing Tonbridge and Malling, and approach this issue in a unbiased and democratic manner.

Cllr John Evans

Indiscretion – Sir Michael Fallon

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