

With the closure of two service stations and a café on the west bound A2 and the increase in the number of electric vehicles using the road, the Society recognises that there may be a need for the proposed facilities but in the Society's view, the application should only be permitted if the capacity of the junction is also increased. Traffic lights are not a viable answer and would only result in more delay and congestion.

The roundabouts need to be enlarged to increase capacity and increase to three lanes. There needs to be direct access (slip lane off the northern roundabout) onto Coldharbour Road. Direct access from the site onto the west bound A2 slip-road could reduce the load on the roundabout.

There would be a further issue if the Cobham filling station on the south side of the A2 is forced to close because of the Lower Thames Crossing and traffic must use the application site as an alternative.

Yours sincerely

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