

It has been at least a month since I wrote about traffic chaos out of fear of boring readers of this column to death on the issue but after the past week or so I feel compelled to have yet another rant on the matter.

For starters I swear the communications team in the KCC Highways office have an announcement scheduled each day regarding delays in the area. The first in the morning always relates to slow moving traffic along the M20 with knock on implications for Blue Bell Hill, Running Horse Roundabout and the A20.

Then the second comes shortly after talking about slow moving traffic around the Taddington and Bridgewood roundabouts getting on to the M2. And then the afternoon announcements, nearly always without fail, refer to slow moving traffic on Hermitage Lane. It is becoming an utter joke.

The impact on the area is becoming debilitating. And I haven't even mentioned the regular flooding on the A20 outside Homebase, or A20 from Ditton to Larkfield, or New Hythe Lane or Lunsford Road, or the increased levels of traffic through Wouldham heading towards the new Bridge, or the clogged up traffic through Aylesford village that saw my open my door on Monday and have a van wing mirror in my face as it mounted the pavement to make space for cars breaching the one way traffic regulations.

All these traffic issues concern me enormously but it is the solid traffic on the main route to the Hospital that worries me at the moment. You can't get in or out and I fear for anyone who is either on their way to give birth or say goodbye to a loved one. Helen Grant and I are writing again on this but it cannot be beyond the wit of man to resolve this before something very badly goes wrong.