

Multistorey Car Park, Earls Way, Orpington
- Redevelopment by Tesco Plc (Application No. 04/03193/Full1)
Supplementary Evidence on the Existing Traffic Conditions
near the Proposed Development

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This document contains photographs of traffic conditions taken on Monday the 20th September 2004 during the morning rush hour. There were no exceptional circumstances affecting traffic on that day, and we believe that this evidence is representative of the normal traffic conditions in the area. However it is the intention of OCPAG to provide further evidence in the form of traffic data at a later date.

The photographs were taken around 08.30 am. Weather conditions were dry but overcast. Traffic congestion appeared to worsen between 8.15 and 8.45 although standing queues of traffic going up Station Road towards the station were present from 8.15 through to about 9.0 am, and are believed to be present on most days at the same time.

The first photograph shows the queue on Station Road, looking up the hill. This is formed by vehicles attempting to reach Orpington Station and congestion around the station during rush hours for commuters. The proposed Tesco store would be sited to the immediate right of this picture.



As you can see from the fact that the vehicles in the queue have their brake lights on, this queue is stationary.

The next photograph shows how the previously mentioned queue blocks traffic on the war memorial roundabout (this view is taken from Orpingto High St and Station Road is the exit to the right).



The following photograph shows the queue on Station Road looking down the hill, and across to Spur Road.



It can be seen that a considerable queue of traffic forms on Spur Road as a result and actually stretches out of sight but is at least 11 vehicles long in this photograph.

The next photograph shows that a similar queue up to the roundabout forms on Sevenoaks Road, partly caused by vehicles being blocked from exiting the roundabout up Station Road.



The queue of vehicles on Sevenoaks Road also stretches out of sight, but is at least 10 vehicles.

The following photograph shows another view of Station Road. In this case not only is there a queue up the hill, but also a considerable queue of traffic down the hill up to the war memorial roundabout. This is exacerbated by pedestrians crossing on the zebra crossing just before the roundabout, as shown in the photograph.

