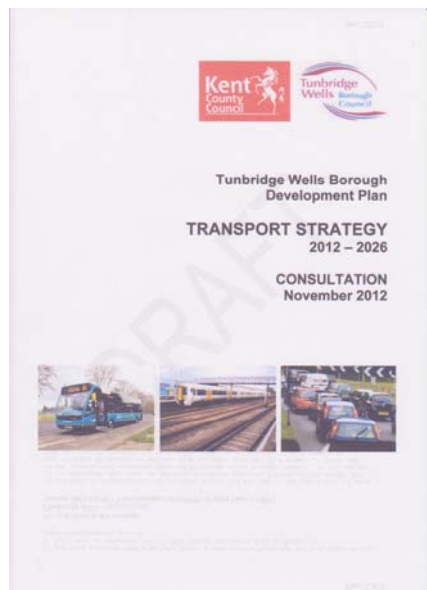
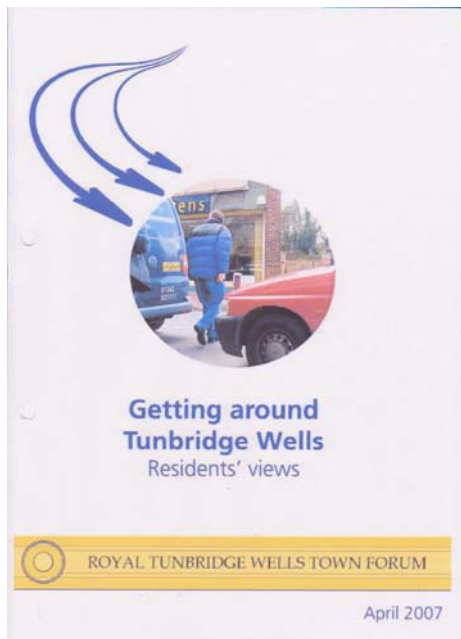


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TWBC Transport Strategy 2012 -2026

...sets out the future for transport between 2012 and 2026

TW Borough faces acute transport challenges:

- managing existing congestion and expected increase of 8% traffic volumes over the period
- proposed growth of 6000 new homes (2076 already built) and additional retail space
- respond to impact of climate change

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Growth Without Gridlock?

KCC's high level vision for the Kent transport network to support growth over the next 20 years

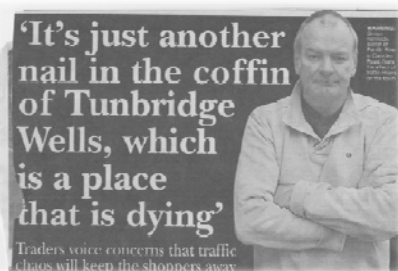
Identifies that "West Kent has poor transport connectivity with peak time congestion on A21, A26 and A228."



Identified road transport issues affecting Tunbridge Wells:

- Dualing of A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury
- A228 Colts Hill bypass
- Reducing congestion on Pembury Road, within North Farm and A26
- Accommodating travel demand resulting from growth

Courier 9 November 2012



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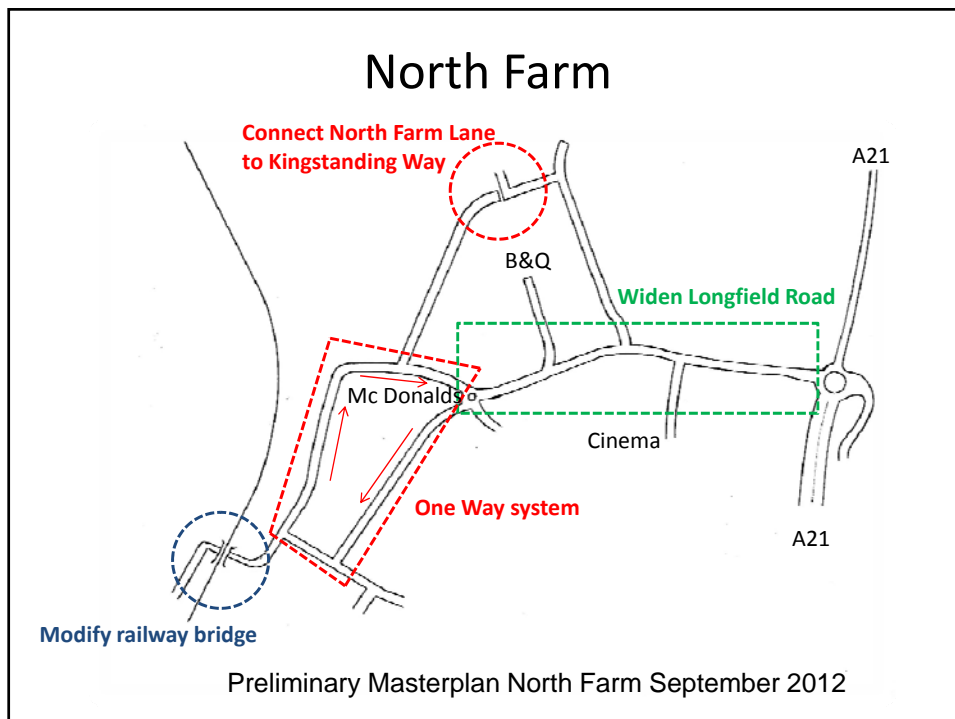
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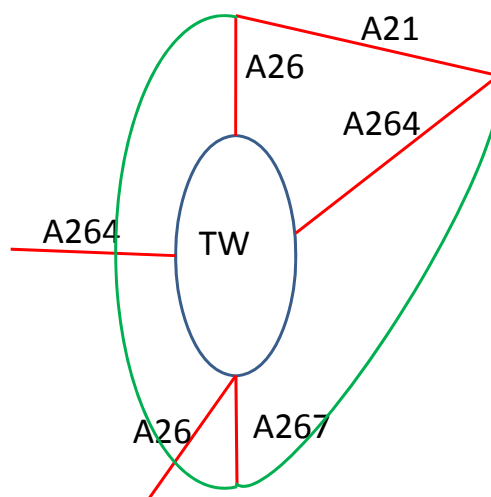
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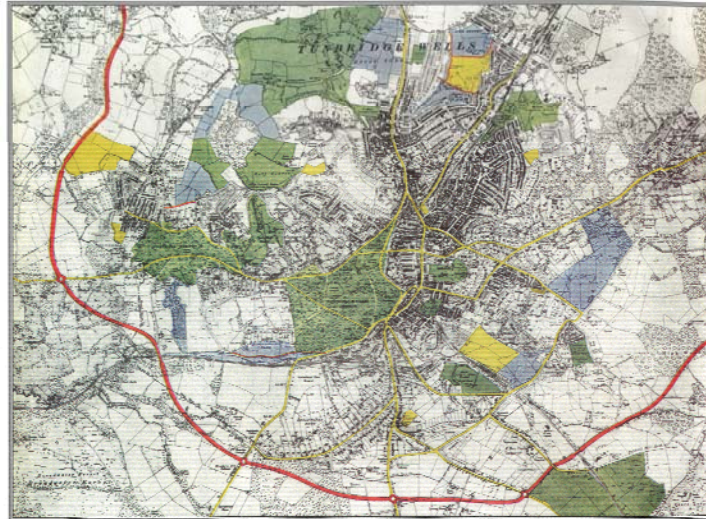
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Bypass



From An Historical Atlas of Tunbridge Wells edited by John Cunningham

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Town Centre

“4.11 The Borough has an extensive highway network with several coastal and cross Kent A-roads converging in Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Cent



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Congestion in town

1. Peak time morning and evening weekdays
2. Saturday and Sunday at any time
3. Road works on main access roads
4. School run
5. Us.



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Roundabouts



Carrs Corner, Tunbridge Wells



Glenrothes

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Buses

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Congestion around the town

