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Subject: Rugby shuttle buses

Mike

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on the Transport Strategy for Sandy Park.

I have read through the Transport statement Addendum and the Transport Statement for Sandy Park and can't find exactly what happens to the special buses and shuttle buses **after** they have dropped passengers **before the match**. Looking at the map 1032 PL01.08 , the blue line indicates that coaches come in and go out onto A379 but this cannot be happening in reality with all the coaches. There are some that are slipping through.

I agree with Mark Haydon's concerns voiced in an email two weeks' ago on this matter, where he was himself walking along Old Rydon Lane to and from the match that day.

"It started with small mini buses, but has now progressed to full sized coaches that are turning right out of the slip road to the rear of the ground and into the narrow Old Rydon Lane, despite the 'no right turn' sign placed at that junction. These large vehicles are then mixing with pedestrians, cyclists, those making pick-ups and others not associated with the match, making for a hazardous walk home in the daylight - I'm dreading the darker nights [Please note: the next home game is the Heineken Cup round 2 match on Saturday 20th October against Clermont Auvergne and is a 6pm kick off. It is sure to attract a big crowd)."

Today, it is 20 October, and I happened to be walking through Newcourt around 4.30pm. Several large coaches (some labelled Dartline) were approaching the junction of Old Rydon Lane and Newcourt Way having obviously just dropped passengers off at the ground and must have come out of the 'no right turn' that Mark Haydon mentions. Around 5.30pm I was walking back down Liberty Way and saw four coaches following one another west along Old Rydon Lane and turning right into Newcourt Way. If I had been sitting at the side of the road and counting coaches I think I would have seen a lot more!

I would suggest that the Transport Strategy should include a strict policy for buses **after** they have dropped off passengers that ensures they do not come west along Old Rydon Lane.

With no pavements, lots of pedestrians – including children, inadequate lighting, other non-rugby traffic, this is an accident waiting to happen.

Sincerely

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