

Annex 8 – Proposals for access to Blackwell Farm from A31 are unsound and will not work – 08 May 2018

Information presented in this Annex, are screen grabs taken from Google maps showing the traffic levels for travelling between Puttenham and Guildford Station car park (travelling eastbound (towards Guildford) along the A31 (Hog’s Back) and down the Farnham Road. The intention of capturing the images was to show the levels of traffic that exist every weekday morning during term time. It demonstrates that queues extend past the proposed new access road to the Blackwell Farm site.

On several occasions (in responses to the the Local Plan consultation and by addressing the Council and the Executive in the Council Chamber) we have highlighted these problems, which we believe make the proposed access from Blackwell Farm unworkable, and therefore makes the proposal unsound. This is because vehicles from Blackwell Farm will not be able to turn out of the junction, which will mean a queue will back up down the slopes of the AONB (on the proposed Down Place access road). The problems with turning left will affect all vehicles leaving Blackwell Farm travelling into Guildford centre, through to the east of Guildford towards Dorking, for anyone travelling to Shalford or for anyone wishing to travel southbound on the A3. It will also affect any journeys to Compton and to Godalming.

The screen grabs over a month’s period in 2017, were recorded to demonstrate that this isn’t a one off. Additional photographs of traffic were taken this morning for completeness (08 March 2018). The Council, appears to have completely ignored these points being made and the problems that very clearly exist with the proposals.

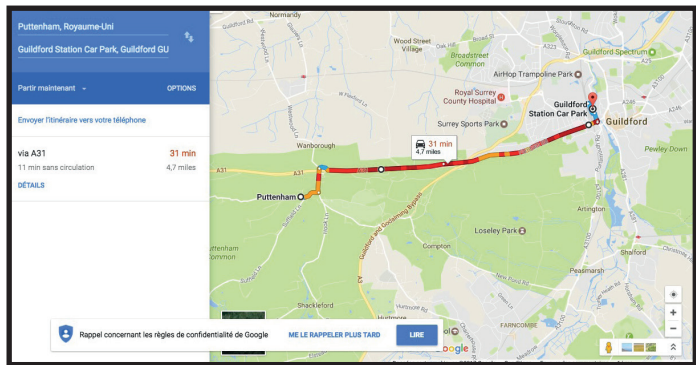
It must also be noted that this queue of vehicles is not going to disappear with any proposals to change road layouts/ junctions or by widening roads such as the A3. The queue is formed from vehicles from the west wanting to pass into or through Guildford itself. The only routes through Guildford are across the Farnham Road Bridge onto the one way system or a cut over the narrow streets of the Mount.

This queue is only going to increase in length if new houses are developed on Blackwell Farm.

“Traffic colors
 The color code shows you the speed of traffic on the road.

Green: No traffic delays.
 Orange: Medium amount of traffic.
 Red: Traffic delays. The darker the red, the slower the speed of traffic on the road.
 Note: Gray or blue lines on the map show your routes.”

Google maps



Screen grab from Google maps showing morning peak time queues along the Hog’s Back between Puttenham and Guildford along the A31, past the position of the proposed access road to the Blackwell Farm development.

Existing access to Down Place



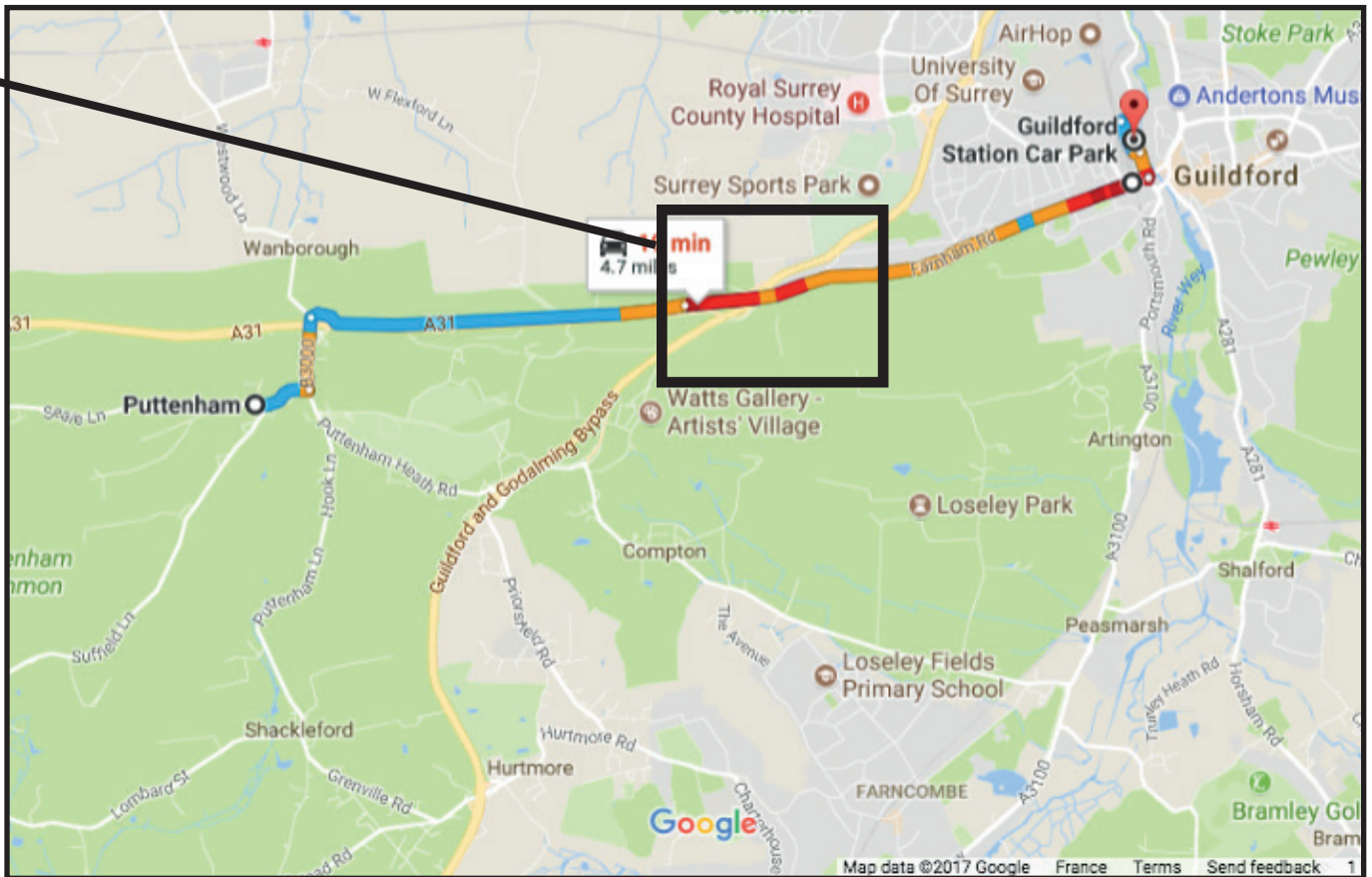
Image showing typical queue of traffic forming on the A31 Farnham Road (travelling eastbound) on a weekday morning at peak times.

Queues along the A31, won't allow vehicles to exit Blackwell Farm west bound.



View from junction between the private drive for Down Place and the A31, looking left (eastbound) and right (traffic arriving from the west). This shows the queue of traffic into Guildford every workday morning during peak hours during University term time. This queue will be joined by cars exiting the proposed Blackwell Farm development to travel into Guildford and beyond and for vehicles wanting to travel on the A3 southbound. This includes anyone taking local journeys to Compton, to Shalford, to Godalming (Homebase/Sainsbury's, Waitrose etc)

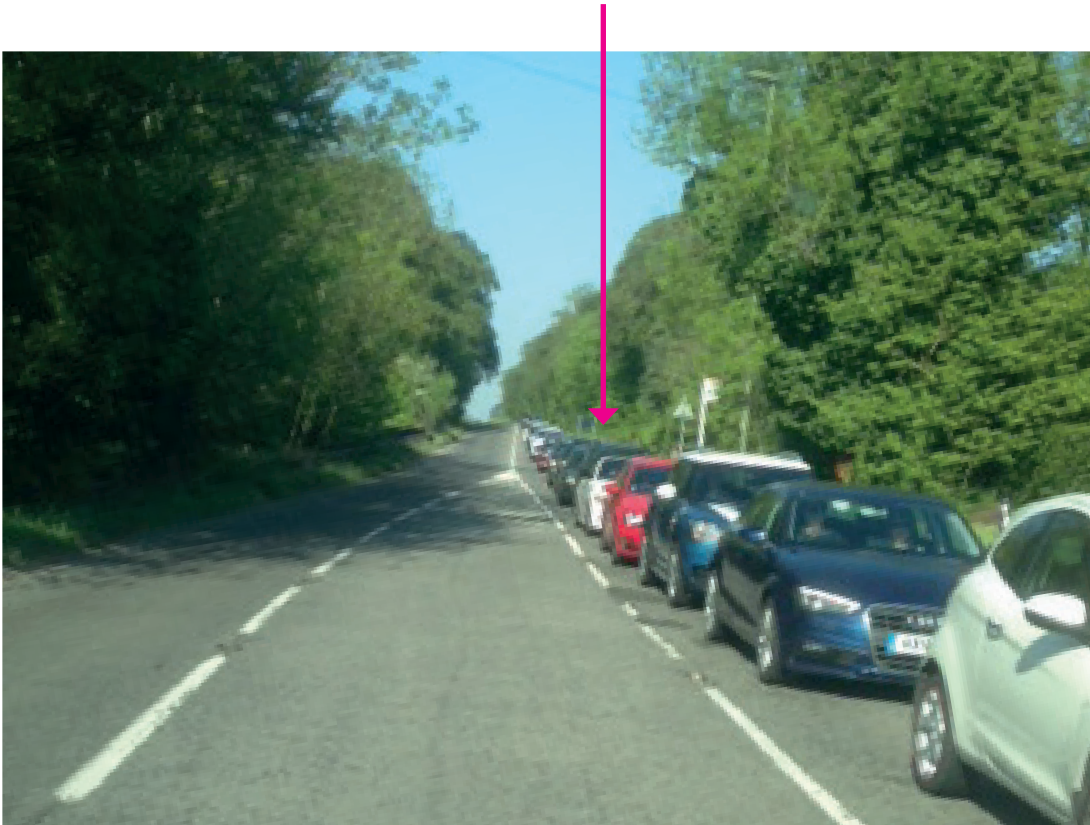
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Queues of traffic as shown in the photograph are shown in red on Google maps.

Images taken this morning to show typical queues.

Photograph shows queues past existing access to Down Place



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08 May 2018 - 08:37 – Farnham Road showing eastbound queue



08 May 2018 - 08:37 – Farnham Road showing eastbound queue

Photographs looking left (east) and right (west) shows eastbound queues past existing access to Down Place



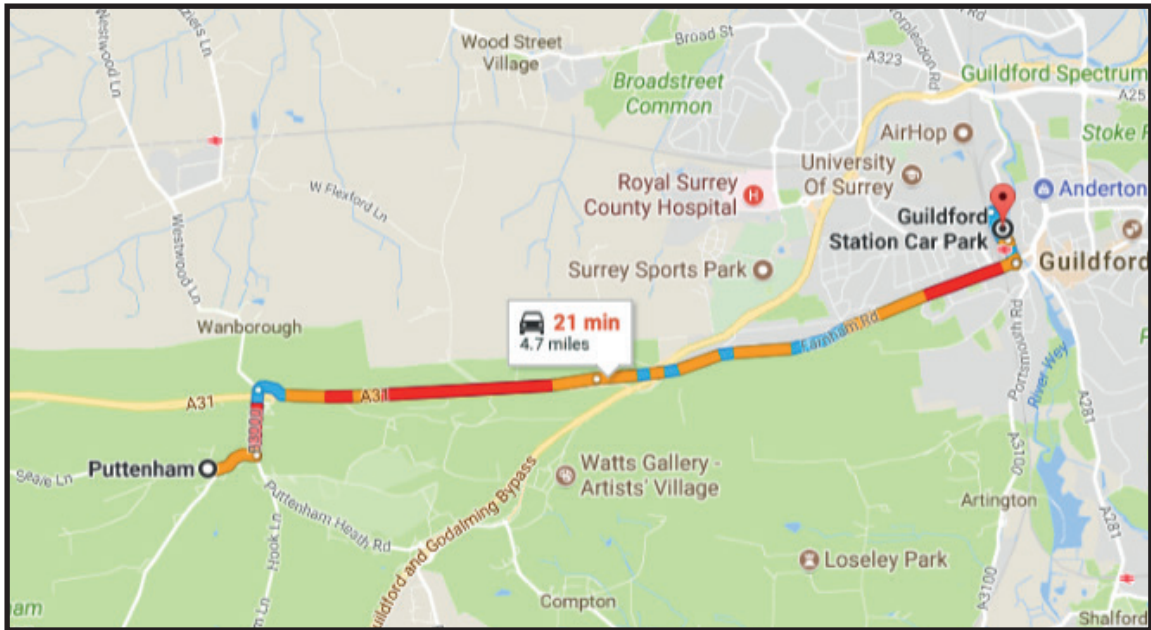
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Sequence shows build up of traffic during mornng peak hours.

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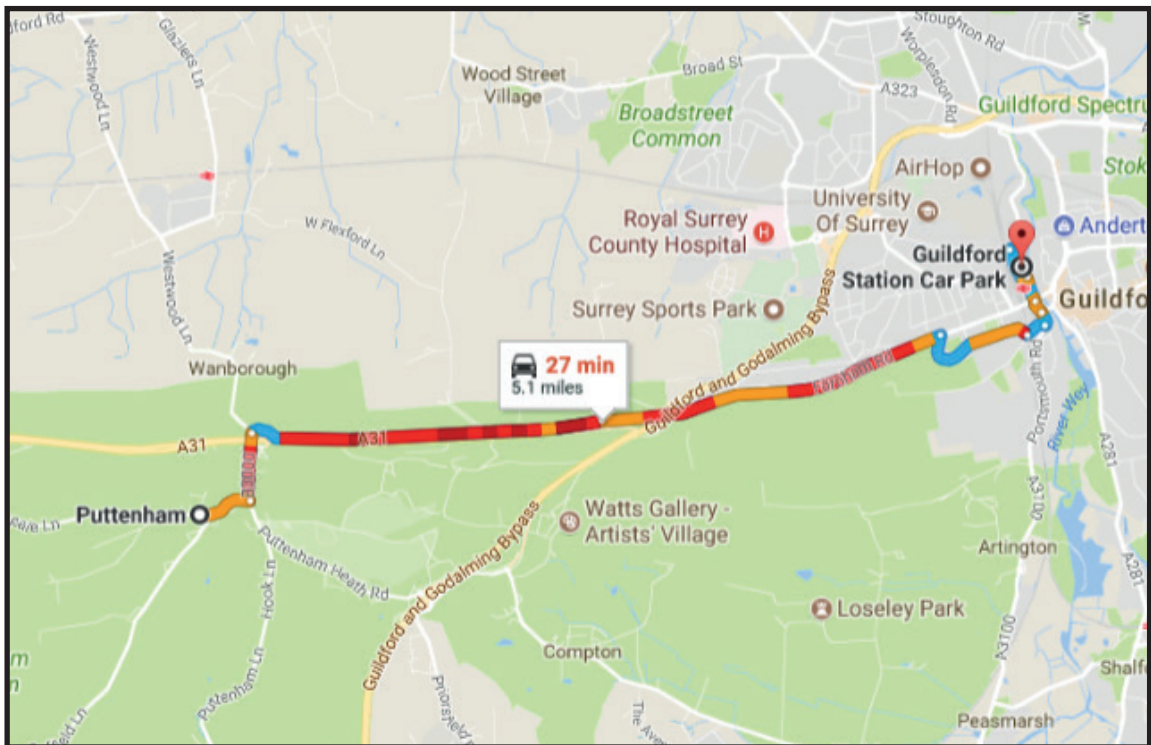
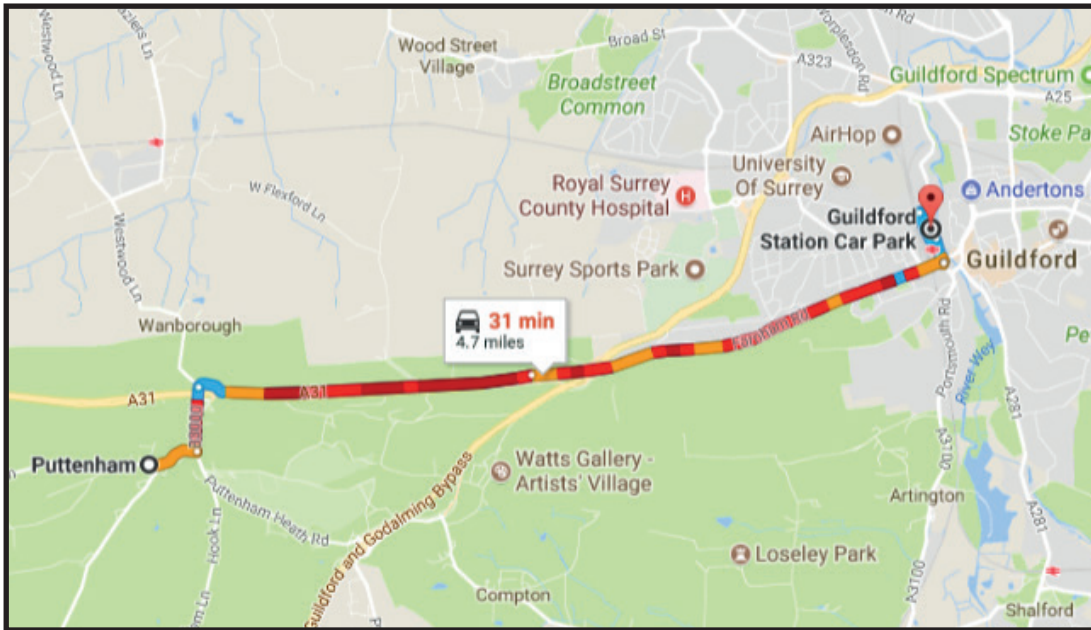
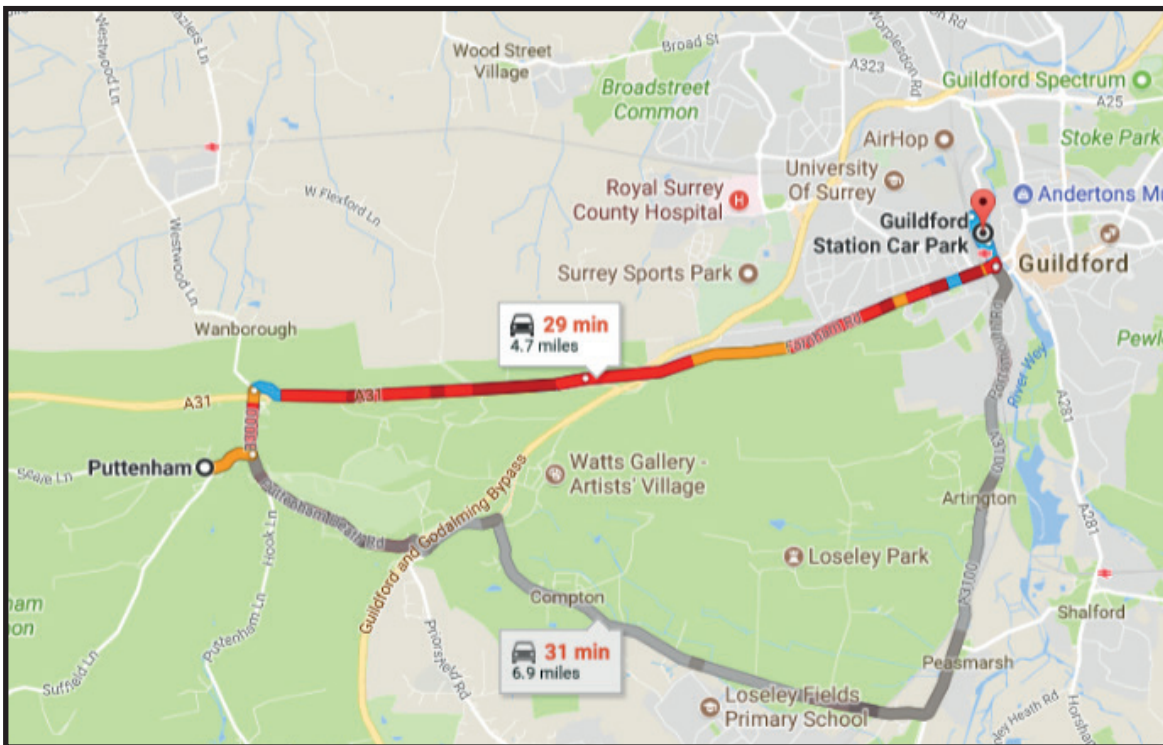


Image shows how a sat nav directs traffic along Wodehampton Avenue and across the Mount (saving 3 minutes on this particular day).

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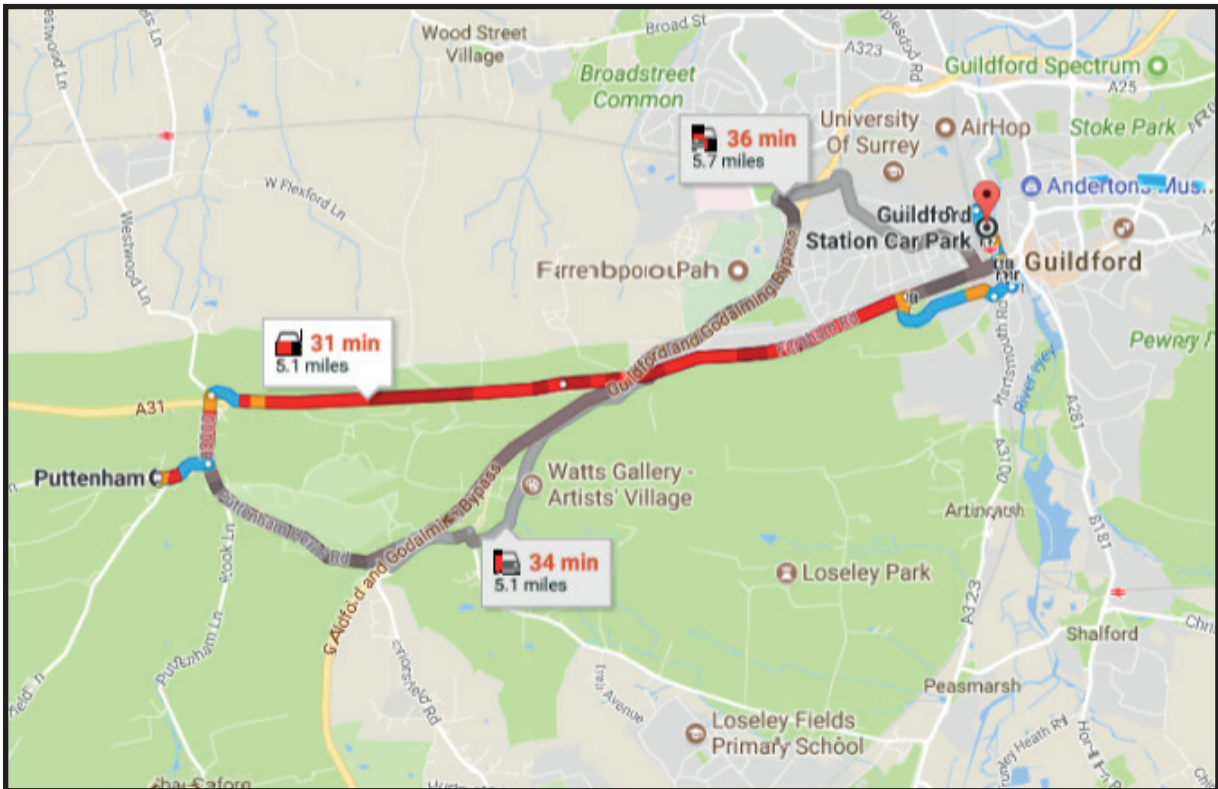
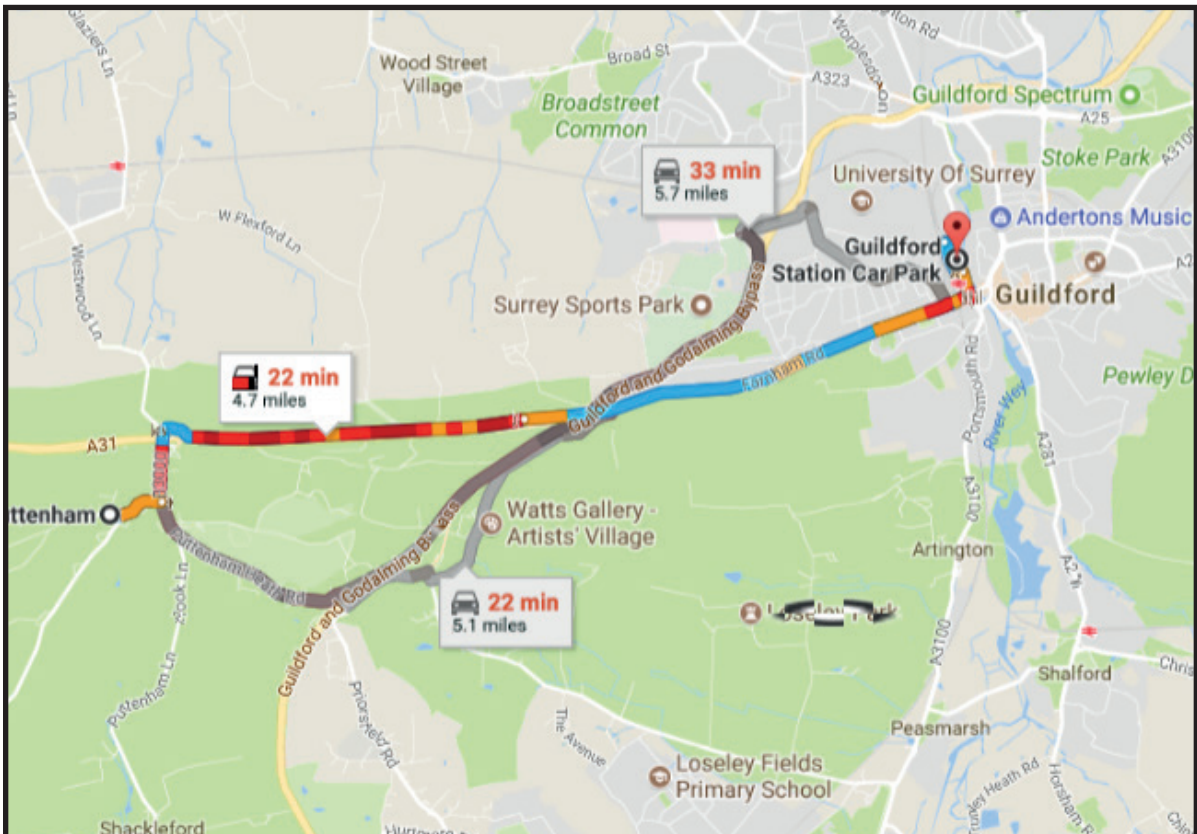
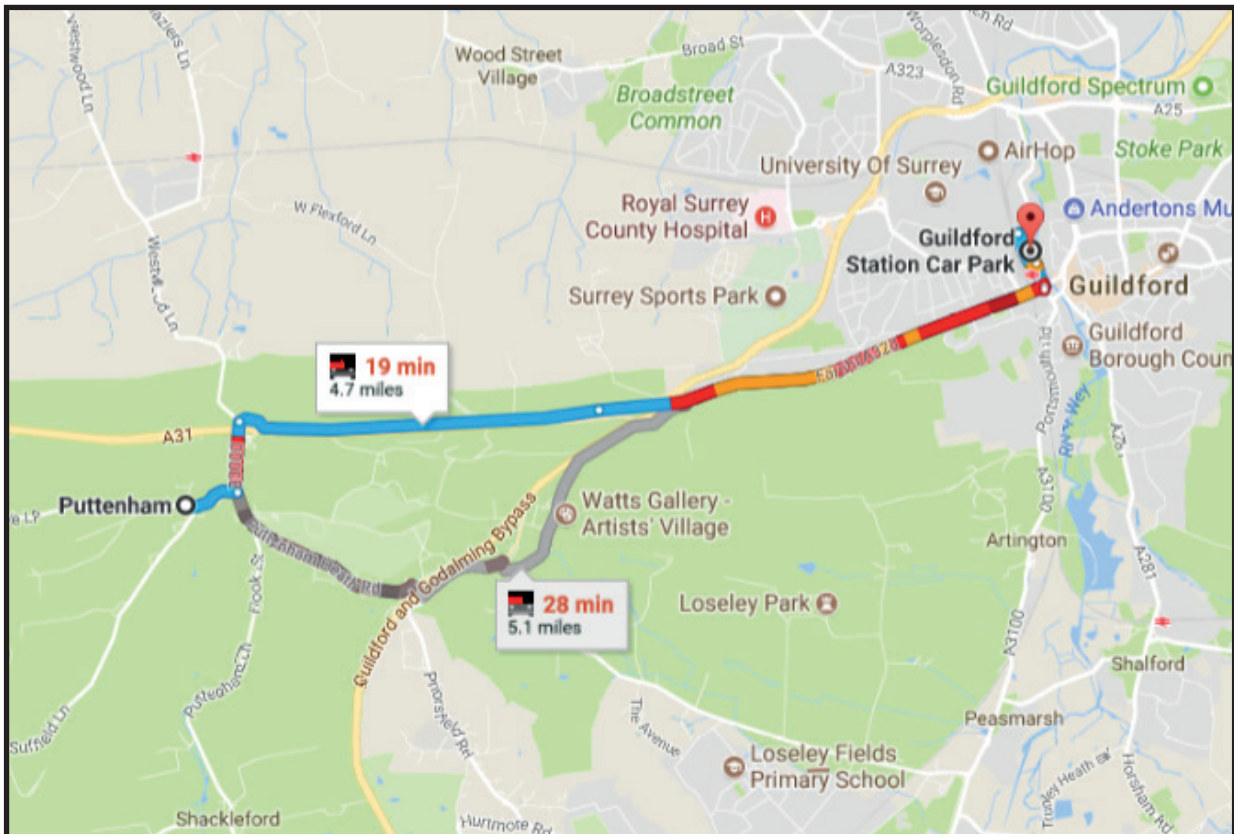
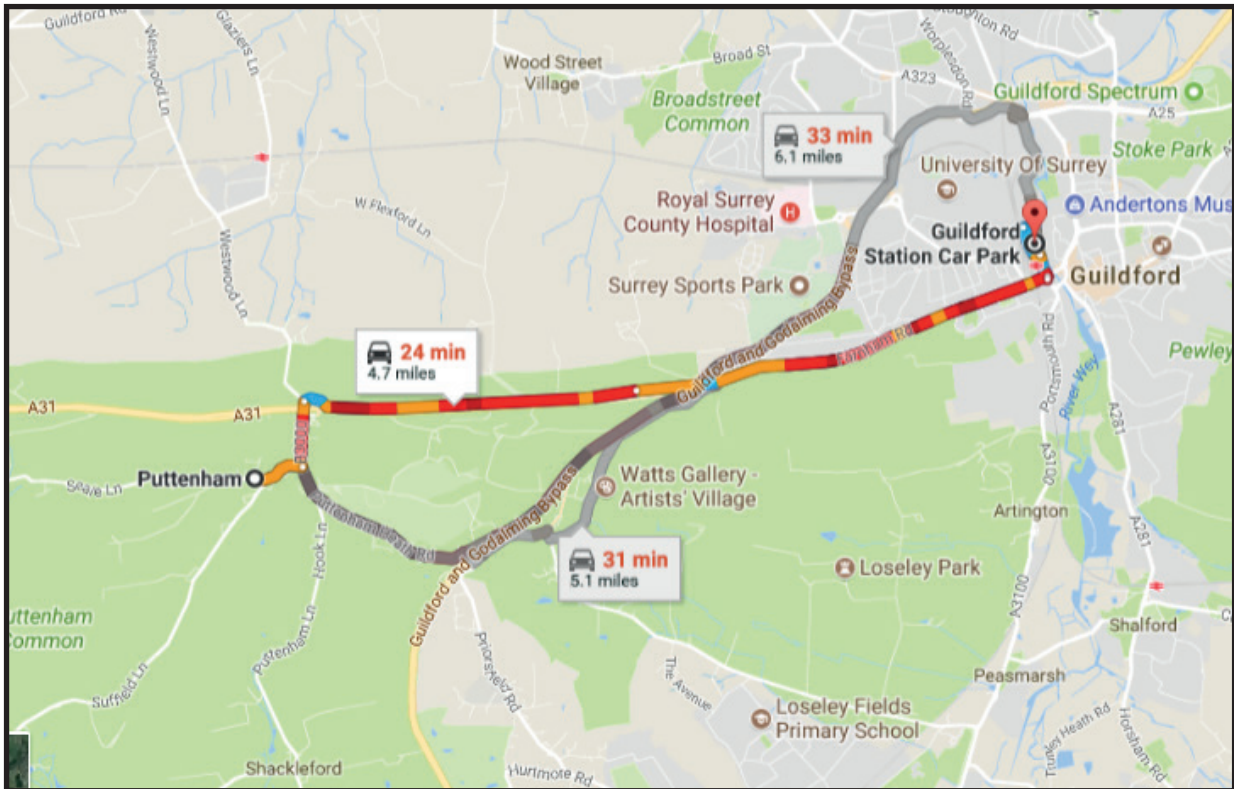
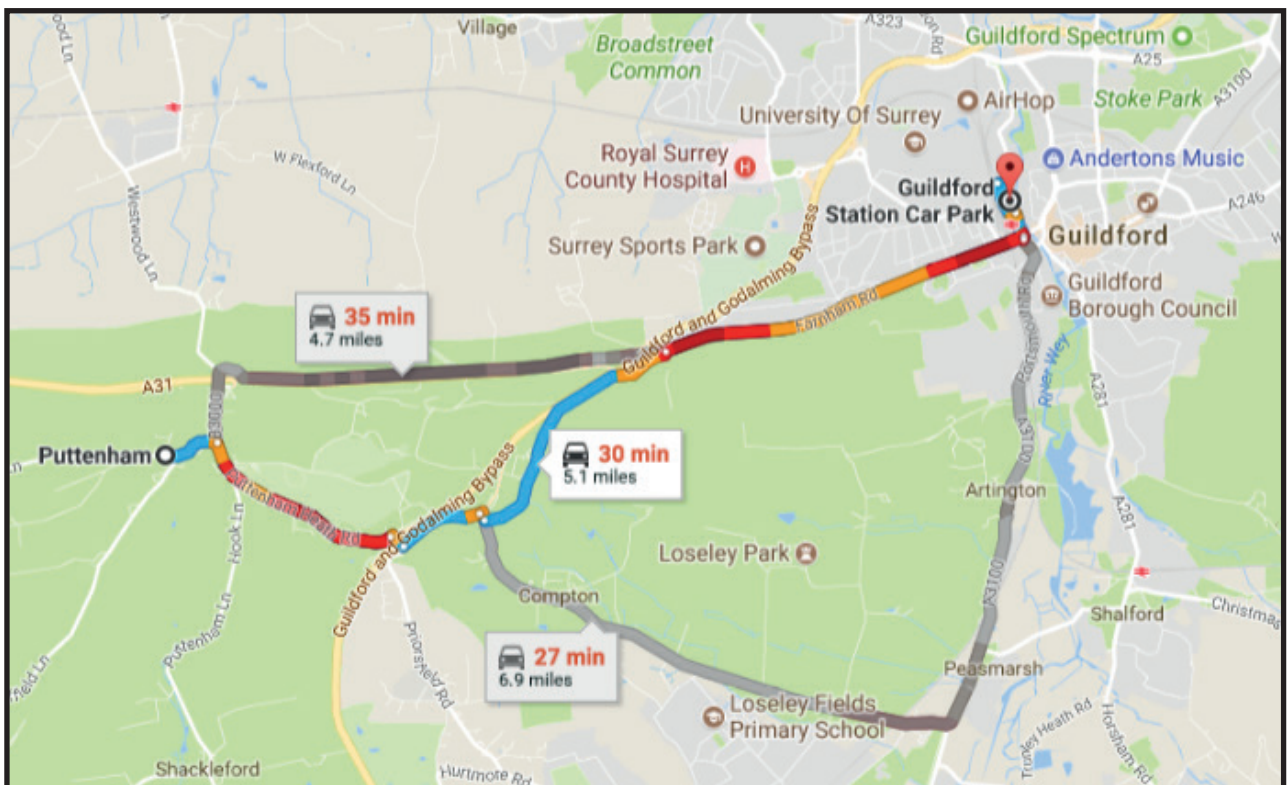
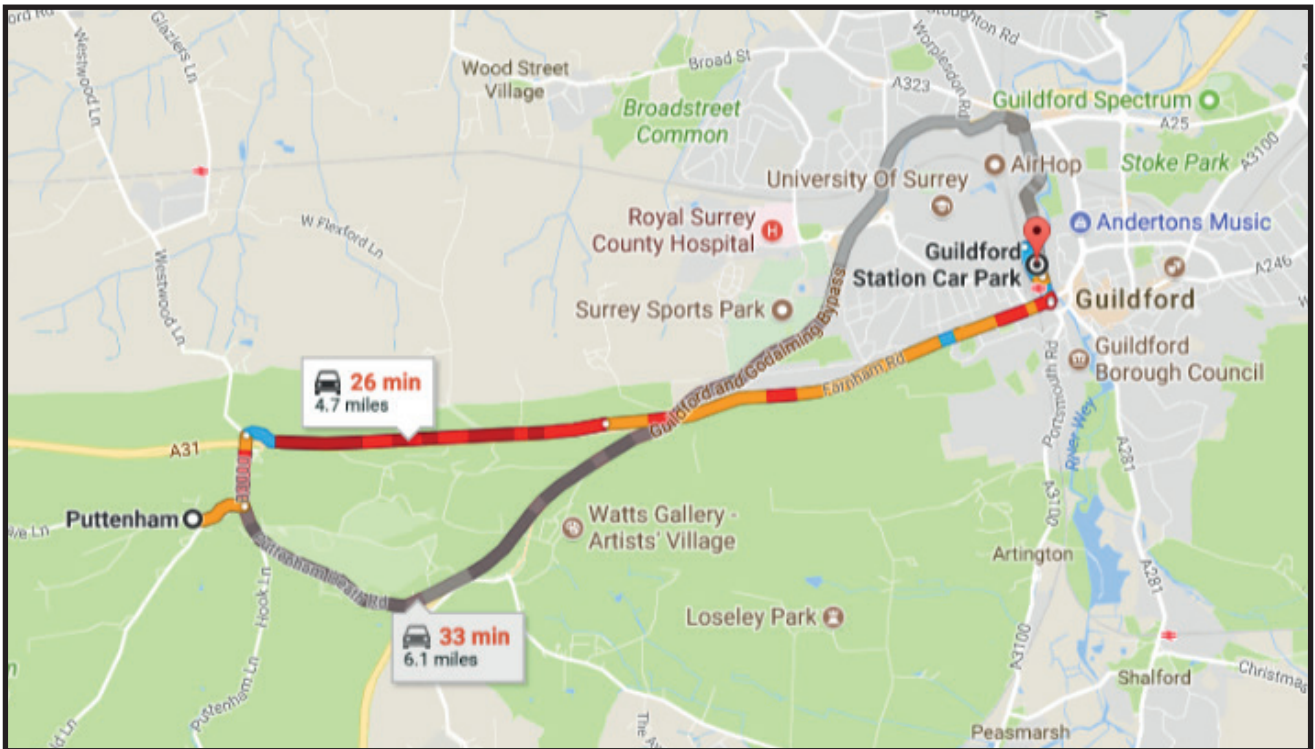
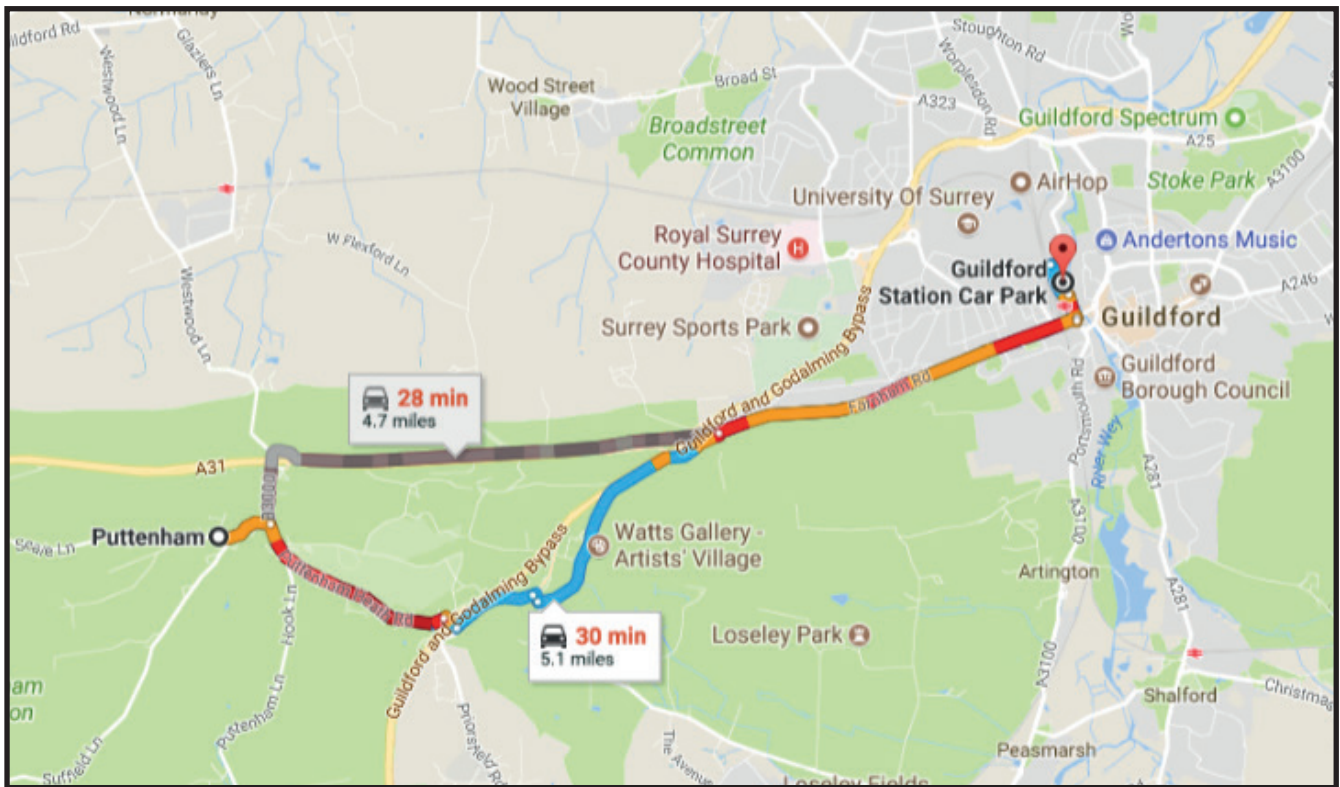
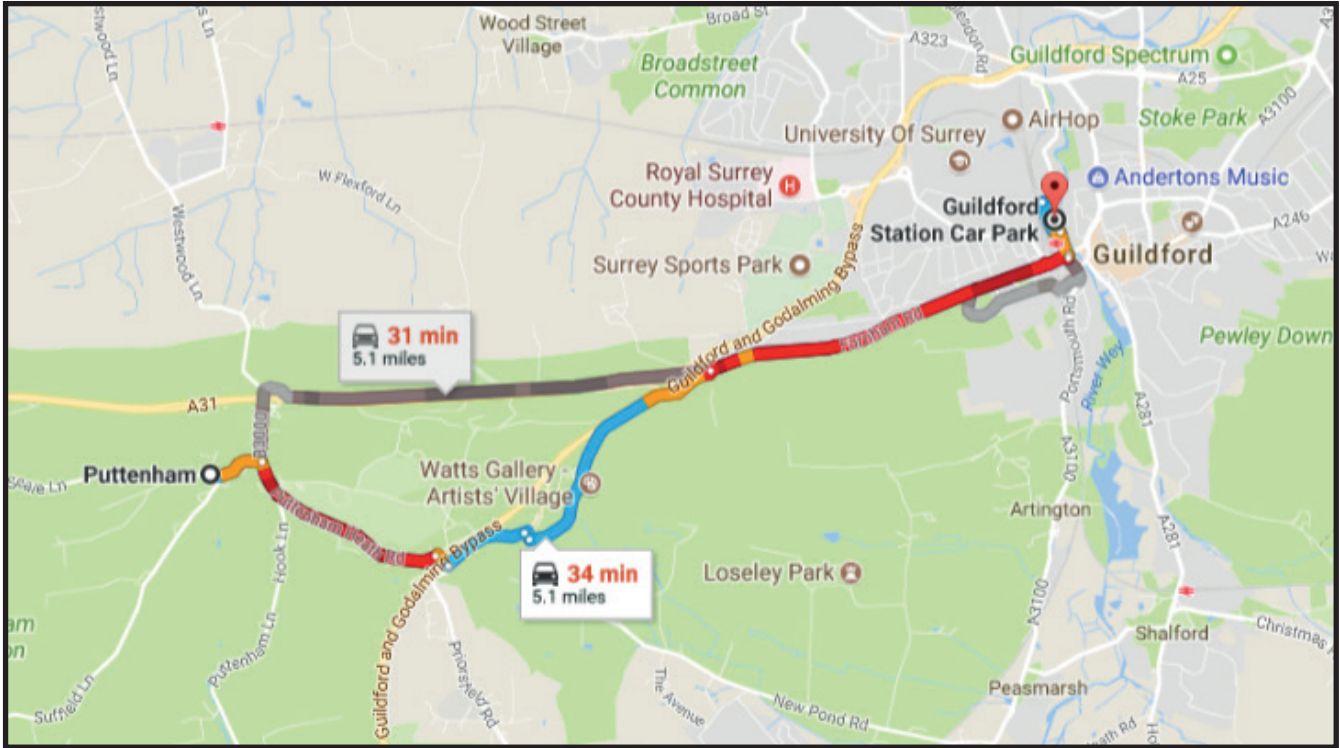


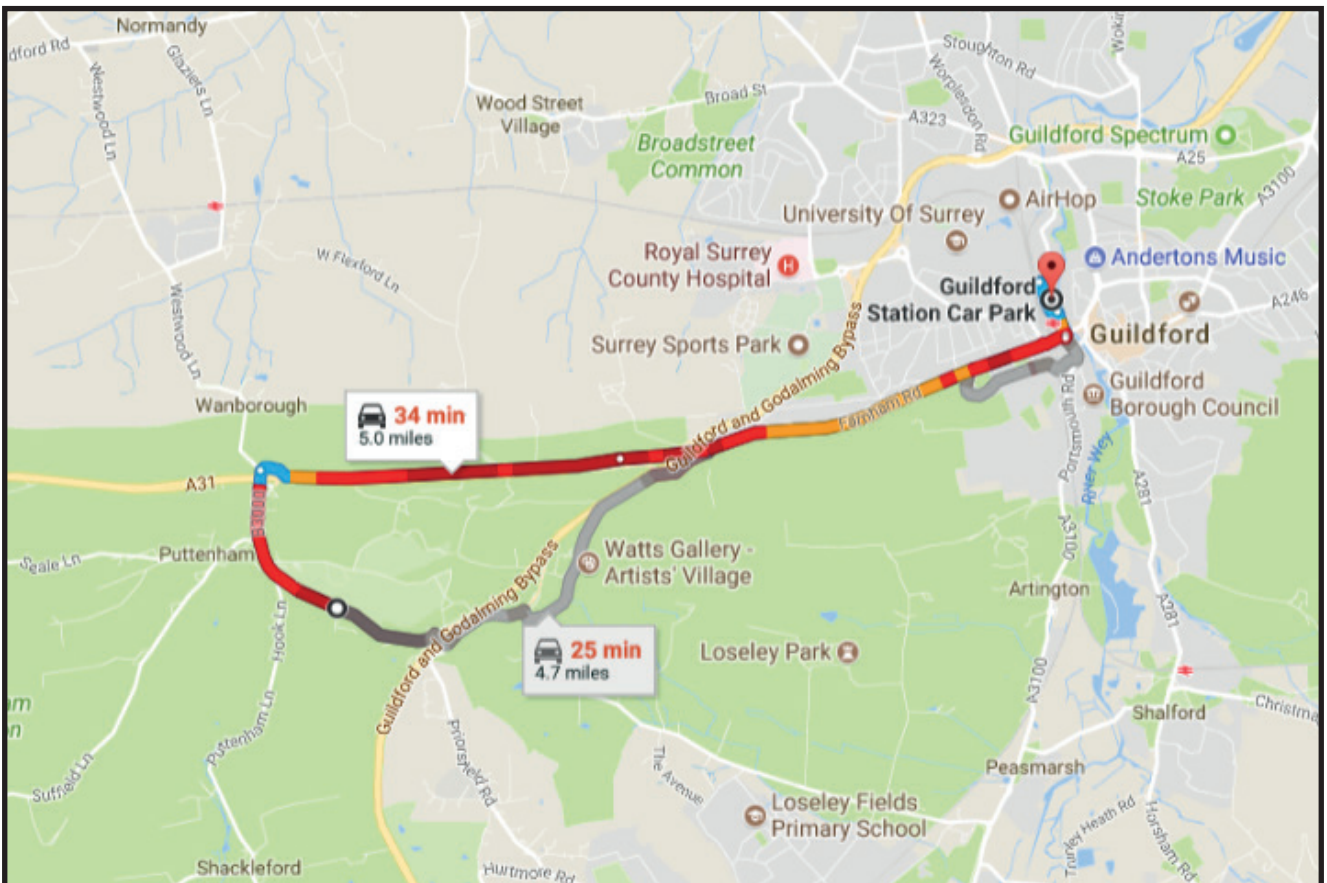
Image shows how a sat nav directs traffic along Wodeland Avenue and across the Mount although this narrow rat run is easily gridlocked.



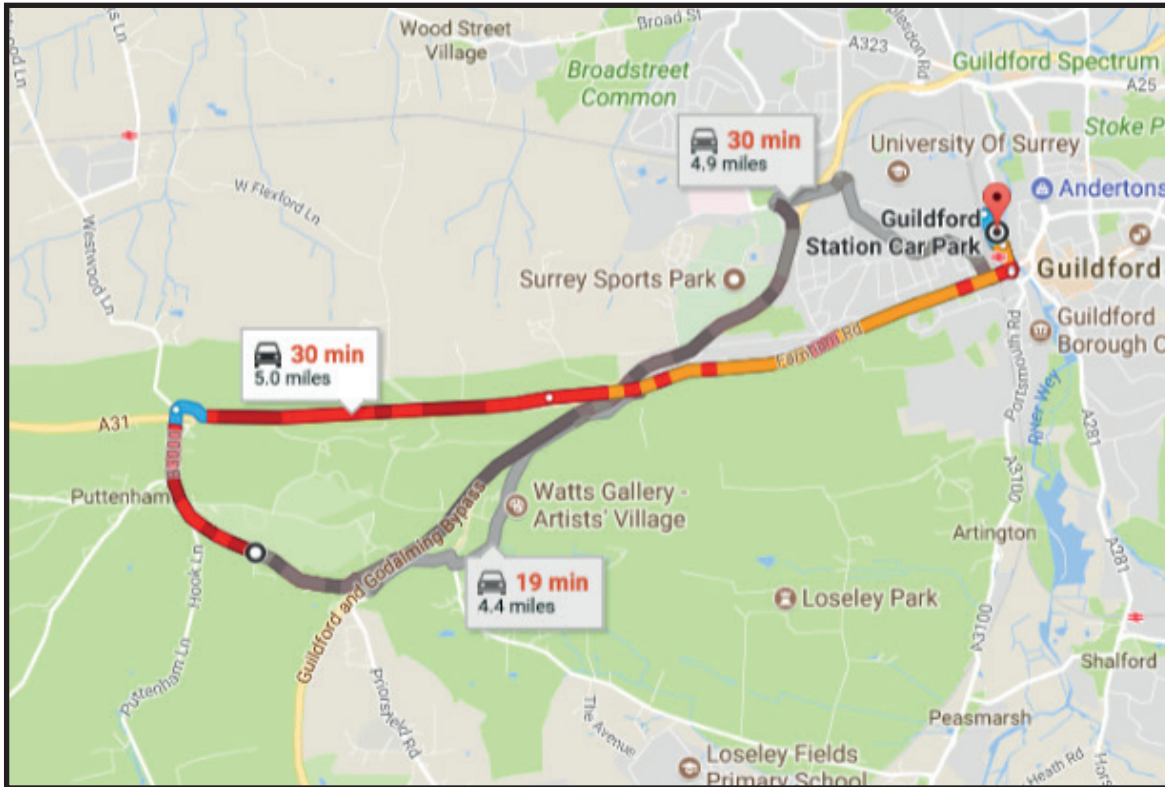




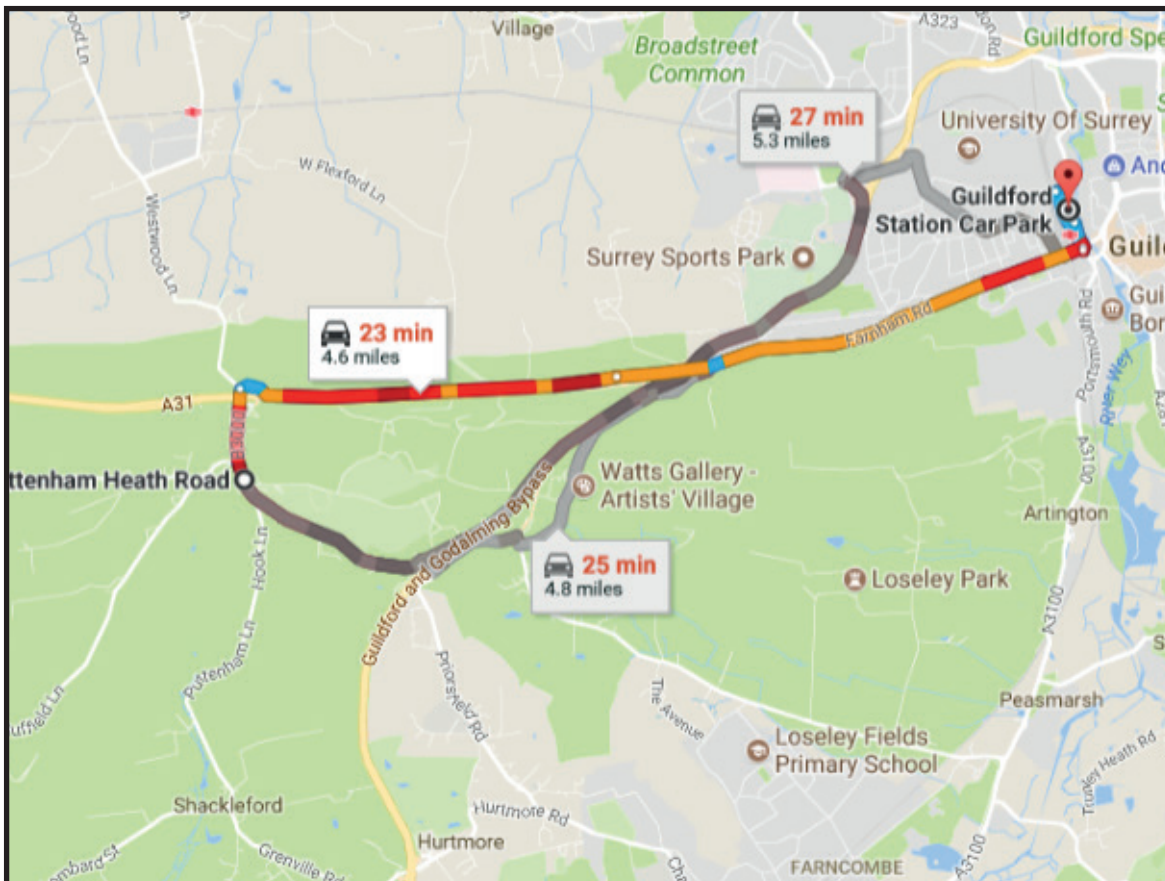




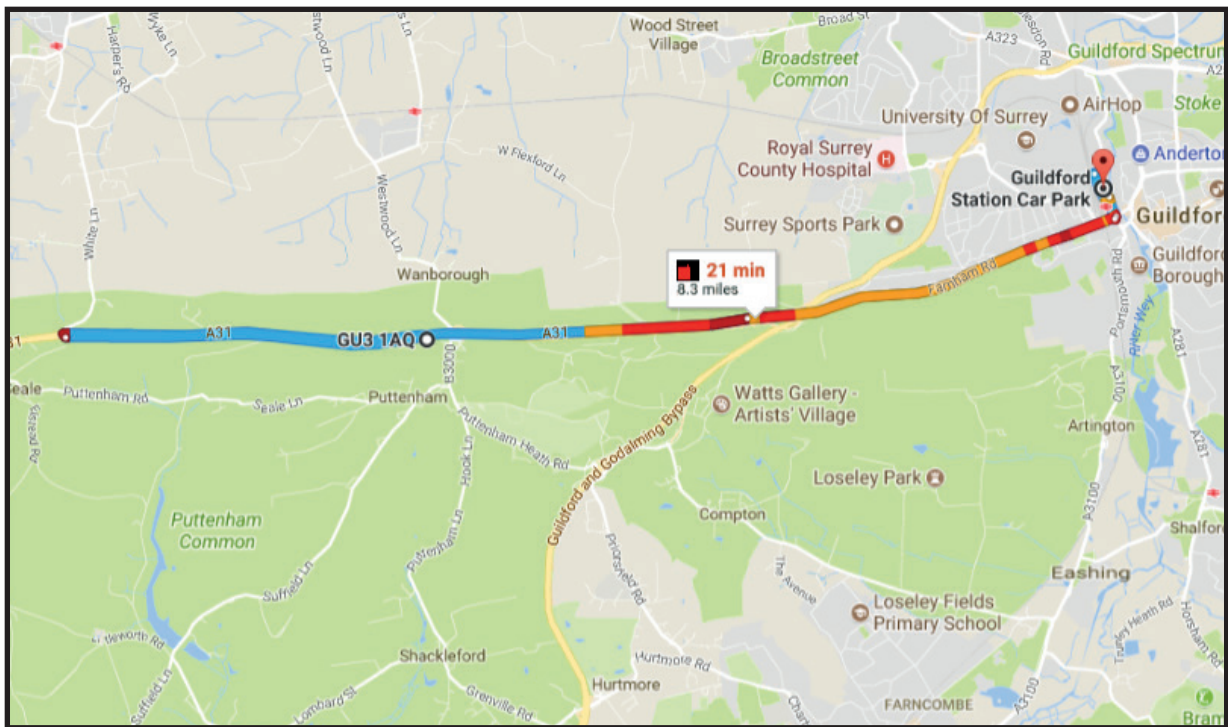
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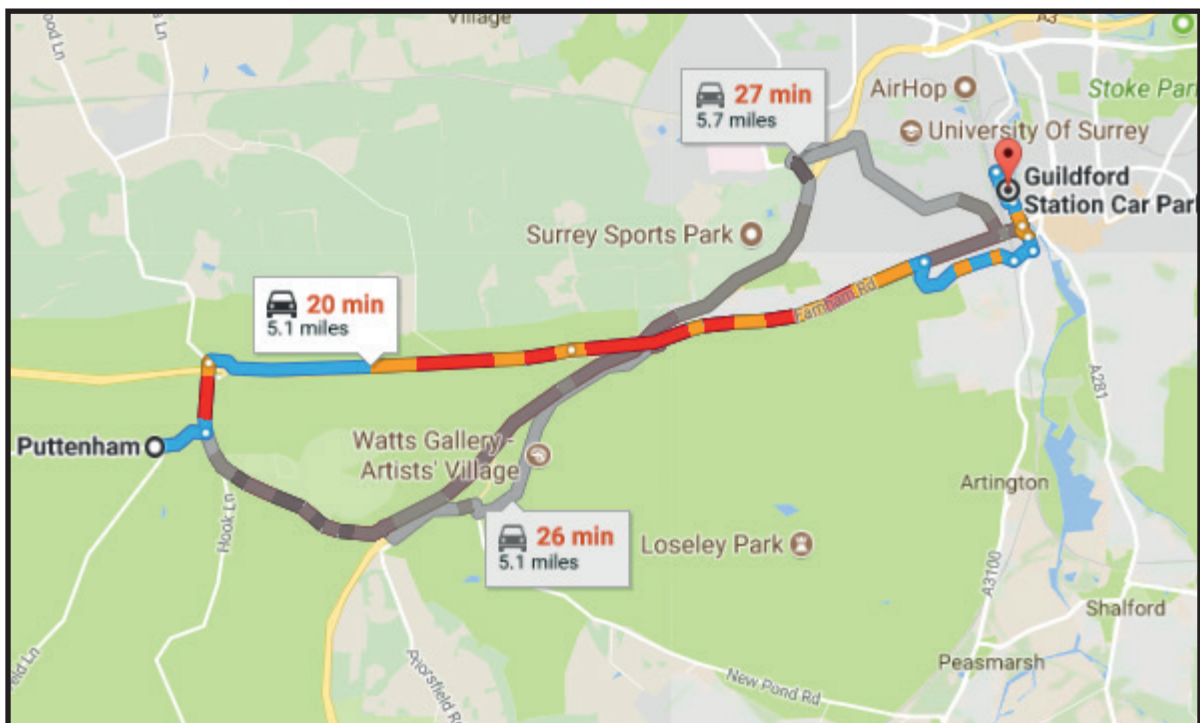
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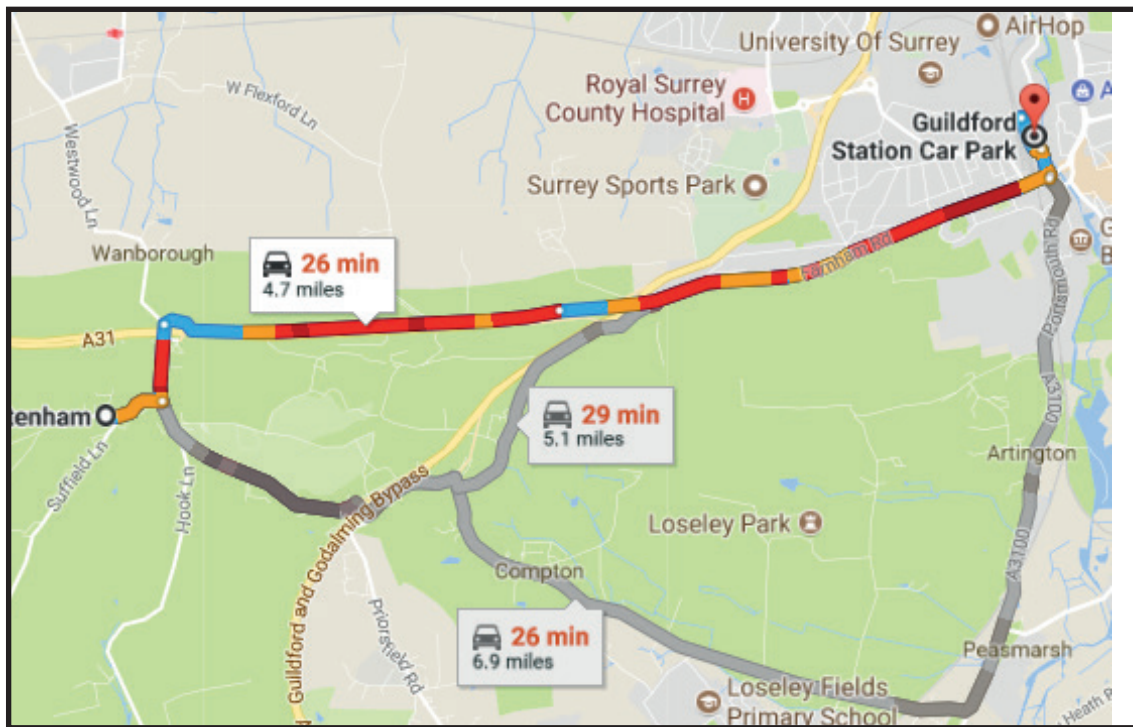
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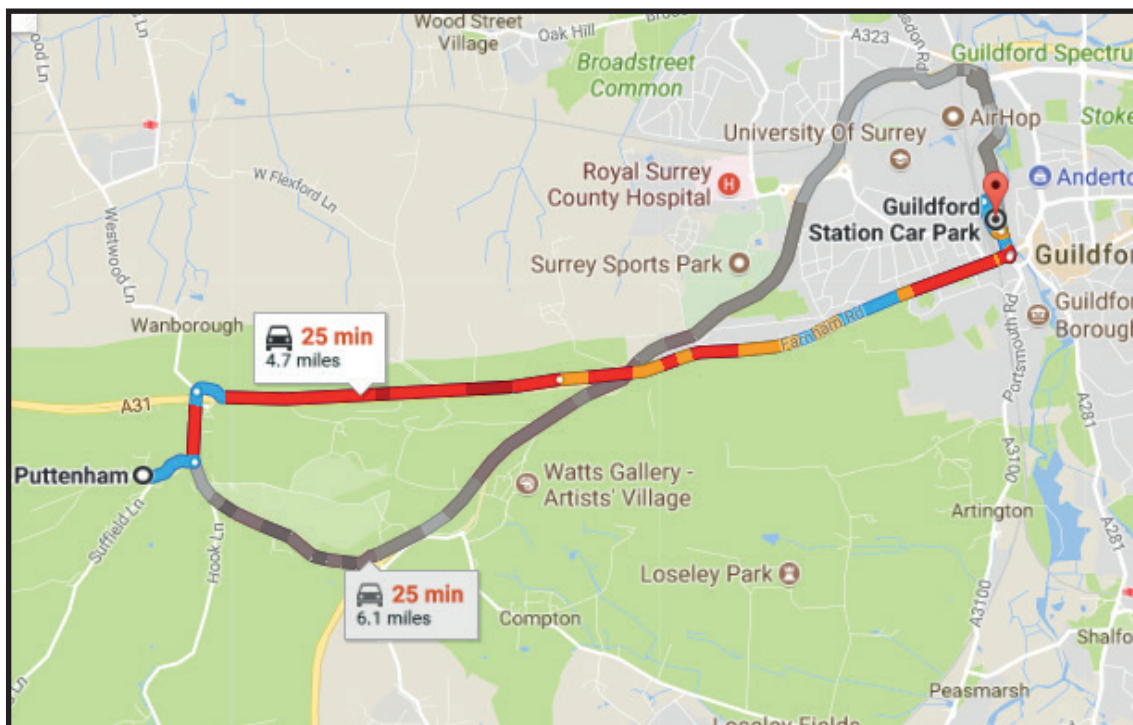
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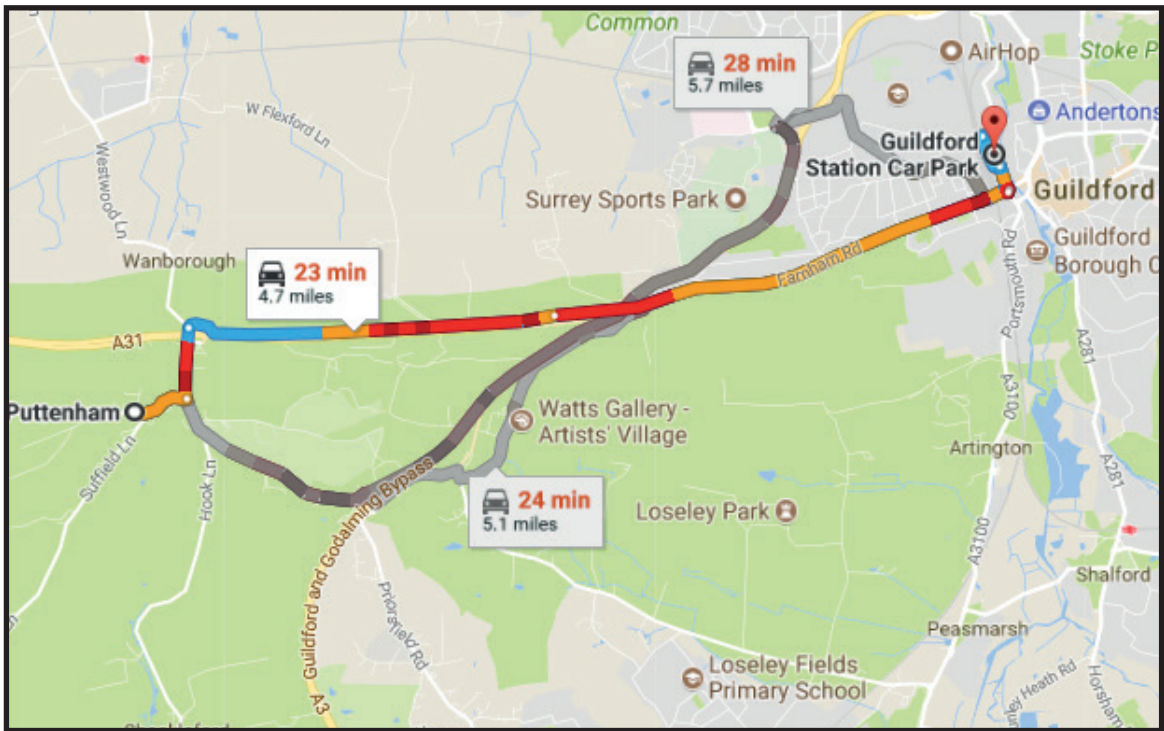
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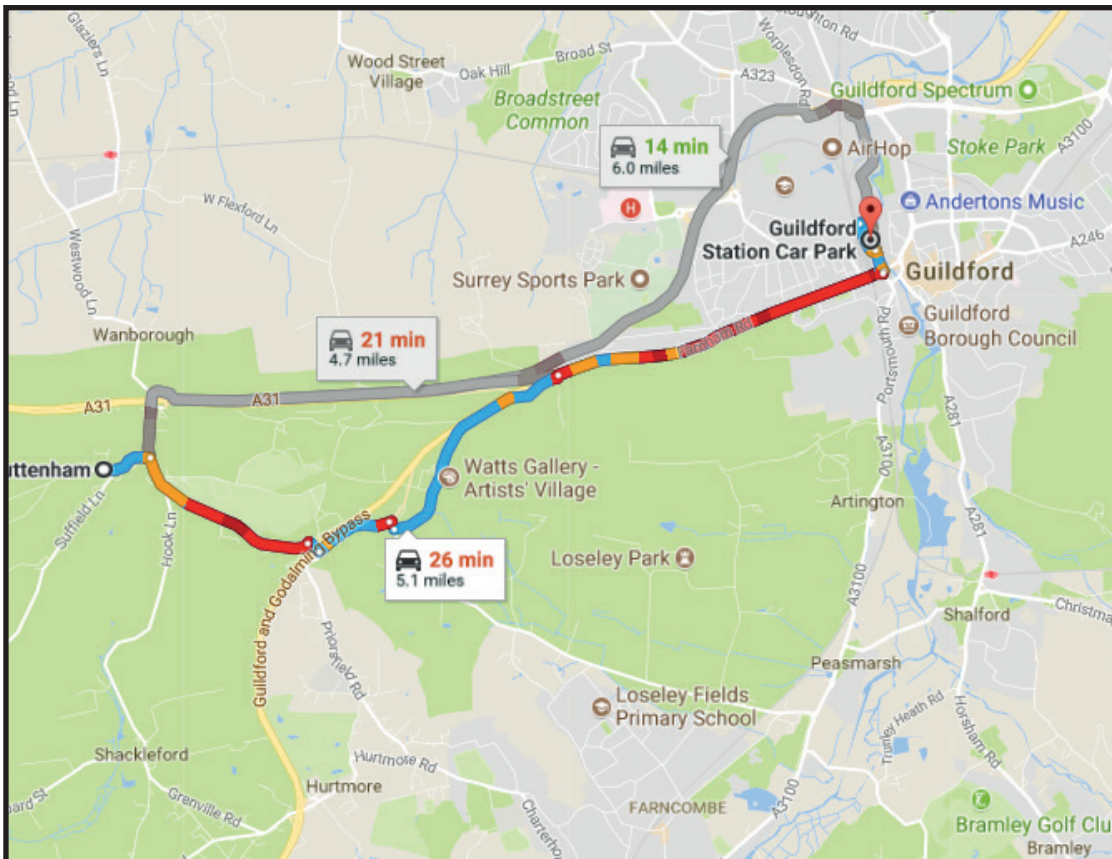
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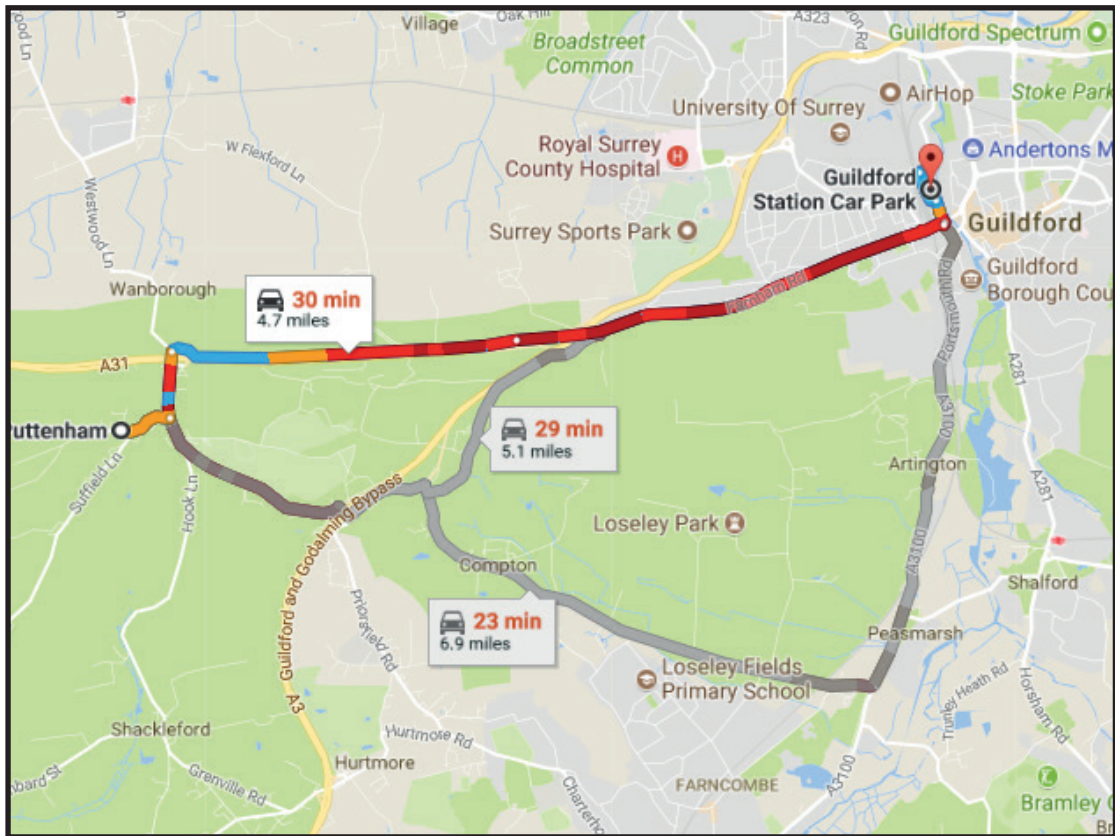
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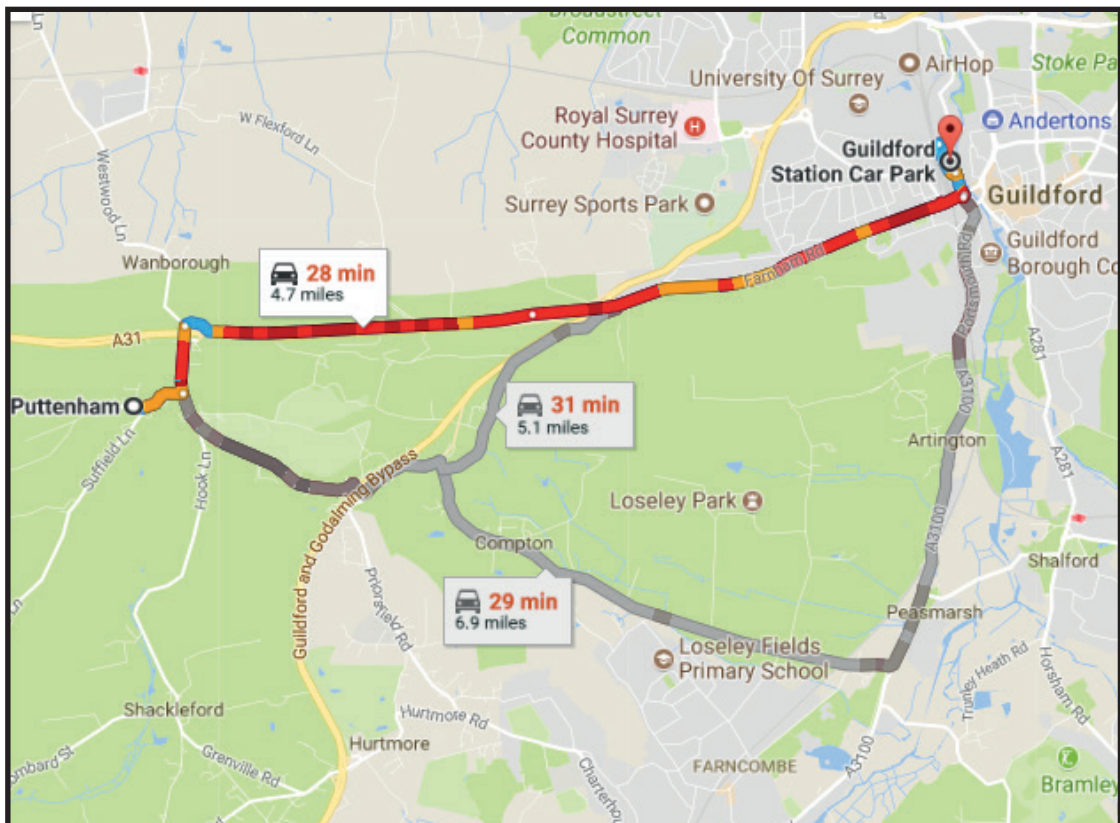
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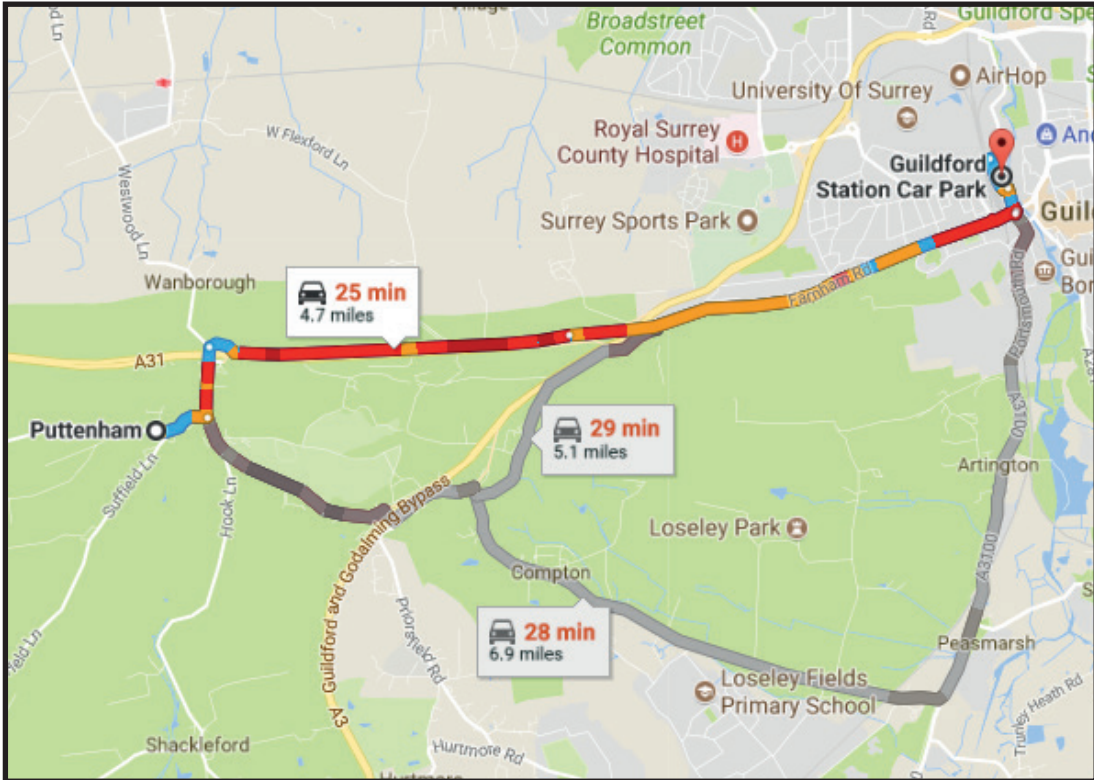
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