Sir / Madam

I wish to object to the Dixons Bank/ Stainton Way Highway Improvement Scheme on the following grounds:

* The basic premise that motorists wishing to head north will turn left along Stainton Way as an alternative is pure speculation. No evidence to support such a view has ever been made available by Middlesbrough Council.
* Stainton Way (westbound) is also congested in the morning peak and the problems which cause this are not funded and maybe won’t be, by your own admission, until 2030.
* The ARUP Report that has been so heavily relied upon to justify this scheme is too limited in scope and excludes many likely better solutions to the “Marton Crawl” which lie outside MC boundaries. It takes no account of housing developments in Redcar & Cleveland, Hambleton or N.Yorkshire meaning that the traffic forecasts are woefully inadequate. The scheme will therefore be compromised from the start by the tailback from the Marton shops junction in the morning peak and will therefore be of limited or no effectiveness.
* The scheme will irreparably damage the appearance of Dixons Bank, blight housing on either side and destroy dozens of mature trees for no proven benefit.
* It will be an appalling waste of public money which could be used to fund schemes that could be far better justified.

With a long overdue cross council study of the South Middlesbrough traffic situation due to report in July 2018, it would be wholly unjustified of Middlesbrough Council to press ahead with this scheme in isolation.

I urge the council to shelve this scheme.

Regards