

A Resident's View Problems With Traffic

Noise

I should like to express my concerns over the increased volume of traffic and accompanying noise over the last 12 years.

Our garden backs onto the A361 opposite The Red Horse. Over the twelve years that we have lived in this house, the volume of traffic, particularly of heavy lorries and motor cycles, has increased dramatically. As we live close to the junction with the Milton Road and the sharp bend towards Chipping Norton, the level of noise can be particularly annoying.

Excessive Speed

Noise and speed are correlated and thus, reducing the speed in this vicinity would reduce noise to some extent, as noise from cars is mostly tyre noise, particularly as they negotiate the bend.

Traffic travelling towards Milton also takes the left turn at speeds that create unnecessary noise.

Many large articulated lorries appear to be rat-running along the A361 as they do

not seem to be local deliveries. The length of lorries is also a particular problem, involving careful manoeuvring.



Quality of life

The fortunate lack of accidents so far, is not sufficient reason for reluctance to take action against

insensitive driving. The quality of life of residents of villages along busy routes must be taken into consideration to make drivers aware that they are driving through other people's personal space and environment; they must be encouraged and educated to drive quietly through areas bordered by housing.

Edwin Wilson (Dr)

The issues raised in Dr Wilson's article are typical of many concerns which local residents are expressing to The Wychwood about the ever-increasing volume and speed of traffic through our villages. Contrary to official wisdom, most residents believe that the major threats to our quality of life are not local traffic, but rather the large volume of construction lorries and huge articulated vehicles tearing through the villages. The parish councils are putting pressure on the local authority for action, but if YOU want action THEN it will happen!

Let us know NOW if you would like to support a local pressure group. Editor