

Good Evening,

I understand you're collecting concerns from local residents regarding the local roads ahead of the inquiry which I'm sadly unable to attend. Please find my concerns below;

I moved to Ulnes Walton (Wymott Estate) in 2014, in the last 10 years I've witnessed the dangers of Southport Road, Ulnes Walton Lane and Moss lane increase at least tenfold. In 2015 I was forced off the road into a ditch by a speeding prison officer, he helped me out of my car and told me he would go and get the farmer up the road to get me out, leaving me by the side of the road as a lone female, he disappeared without a trace until said farmer happened upon me an hour later and pulled my car out.

I've witnessed mums pushing prams down Ulnes Walton lane when the bus was cancelled and since with the hourly circular bus, having cars fly past them within inches and offered them an emergency lift to take them to their stop. I see elderly residents of Ulnes Walton lane trying to walk their dogs, witnessing a couple having to dive into the side when drivers get too close. Similarly, for cyclists and horse riders, it is very difficult for cars to give the recommended distances when overtaking with cars quickly overtaking when there's a visible break in traffic. I fear it won't be long until a car veers too close to a horse and it bolts into oncoming traffic causing a fatality to horse, rider and/or vehicle passengers.

In 2022 I gave birth to my son at 31 weeks, bringing him home 5 weeks later weighing 4lbs. I was absolutely terrified driving down Ulnes Walton one due to the volume and speed of traffic. Having lorries and tractors driving down the middle lines of the road round blind bends and having to emergency stop with a tiny infant, it was the same story when I was pregnant with drivers speeding or driving down the middle of the road outside the Marsh care home leading me to swerve onto grass.

On moss lane we regularly have lorries parking up before or after their delivery slots at prison, this leads to poor visibility and needing to overtake blindly.

W

I cannot stress enough how a roundabout at the top of Ulnes Walton Lane will NOT ease traffic, instead it will lead to further queuing traffic down Southport road leaving residents further struggling to get off their own drive. Furthermore, it cannot be guaranteed that ALL or even MOST new required staff will traffic to work in that direction. The works alone to complete the building of a roundabout in the area would have a significant impact to residents of Croston, Eccleston, Ulnes Walton, Bretheton and beyond with 4 primary schools impacted and one secondary school, alongside many local and small businesses, plus the through traffic. A diversion would cause knock on effects for the surrounding areas too, who simply could not take further traffic.

Speed bumps on the Lane won't be effective due to the layout and nature of the road, the use by farm traffic and the impact those would have on those vehicles with further spillages on the road - something which already occurs with everything from silage, manure, vegetables etc. Speed cameras would also be of minimal impact barely raising

any funds which has been demonstrated by the current SPIDs in use with drivers initially slowing until they had passed them before speeding back up again.

Adding lighting and pedestrian footways would have a small benefit to pedestrians however it simply would not be possible to install these the length of Ulnes Walton lane without significant groundwork to fill and cover the drainage ditches, however this would then cause further issues with flooding which is a regularly occurrence both on Ulnes Walton lane and down moss lane.

The possibility of the new prison being built had already had me questioning remaining in the area for reasons already outlined at the previous inquiry, however the impact on traffic alone is the biggest factor. If given the go ahead, myself, along with a number of other local residents will be leaving the area - whilst this may seem good as there'd be homes for prison workers - the high turnover of staff leaves it obvious that this would not happen.

Thank you for your time,

Chloe Shaw

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)