

Dear Leanne,

I am a resident on Ulnes Walton Lane and have serious highway safety concerns regarding the proposed third prison and the increased traffic that it would undoubtedly bring. I regularly walk down the lane with my toddler and baby in a pram. There is no pavement on our side of the road so we have to cross over to walk along the single pavement on the opposite side. This pavement is regularly blocked by parked vehicles and is too narrow in parts due to overgrown bushes so I have no option but to push my pram into the road. I fear that an increase in traffic would only exacerbate this issue and it is only a matter of time before someone is killed or seriously injured on the lane.

Pulling out of our driveway is always treacherous due to the ridiculous speeds that people drive past our house. The speed limit is 30mph but everyone seems to disregard this. The main culprits for this are the prison officers (I can tell by the uniforms that they are wearing) who are clearly in a hurry because they are running late for work. When we have visitors, they either park in the lay-by next to our house to avoid having to pull in and out of our driveway or we have to "see them out" when they are leaving because it is already too dangerous.

Over the years I have raised my concerns with the Lancashire Highways, the Council, the Police and my local MP but to no avail. In 2021 I started a petition that received 351 signatures, proving just how much of a concern this issue is to local residents. I will put the link for the petition below so that you can read the comments and if you would like me to send you all of the photographic evidence that I have of vehicles blocking the pavement then I am happy to do so.

<https://www.change.org/p/lancashire-county-council-petition-against-the-proposed-speed-increase-on-ulnes-walton-lane-457c33e2-013c-48a1-b4a8-7ef08ac8a889>

Kind regards,

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