

Dear Leanne Palmer

I am informed that you are collecting data and information about Ulnes Walton Lane and South Port Road.

I have lived on the Wymott and Garth estate for 22+ years and in that time have witnessed a number of near misses that could have been fatal.

I have also had family members and friends involved in accidents due to other road users driving at speed and without due care and attention.

Ulnes Walton lane as you now be aware is a very narrow bendy lane that is used by a number of vehicles and people including livestock.

At certain points in this road bends are dangerous due to the way cars, vans and heavy goods vehicles take the corner, I on many occasions have had to stop or plough myself into the bushes due to large heavy goods vehicles taking the corner on Ulnes Walton lane too fast, they often use the inside line as their guide to take the corner and often drive at speed encroaching on the other side of the road.

This is a very scary place to drive you are blinded to anything coming due to the bend that is very sharp.

If traveling down the road towards the prison that bend has seen many accidents due to taking the bend at speed my friend ended up crashing into the corner and into the garden of the house situated on that corner.

There is also a turning at the side of this property that again has caused near misses for those turning upto or out of that junction it can only be seen once your on top of the corner and many cars have had to emergency stop.

Coming from any direction turning off Ulnes Walton lane into moss Lane I have been lucky not to have been in a serious accident due to the number of vehicles that just pull out from the prison lane.

This is often worse at changing shift time when they are eager to leave, one serious incident left me shaken due to the level of abuse received by the other driver who was clearly at fault. This happens daily cars pull out from that junction after being in the Prison and don't look I've had cars pull out after coming from my home and give me the middle finger not even acknowledging the danger they put me and my family in.

In recent months the junction from Ulnes Walton lane to Southport road has been backed up and has taken me over well over 5 mins to get out of the junction, In the mornings this can be nearly 10 mins due to the levels of traffic in the area and trying to join Southport road, this gets worse again when there's been a shift change and traffic builds. You can often hear horns being pushed due to drivers taking risks of pulling out into the oncoming traffic of Southport road with the joining traffic often going at speed.

My husband had a traffic accident some years back now on Southport road he had stopped to turn into the garden centre but a speeding car did not notice and ended up ploughing into the back of him causing injury to him and his passenger and his car being a total right off. Although a number of years back we have been witness to a number of near misses on that road, as a family we use the Highfield restaurant on many

occasions and coming out of that car park onto Southport road is dangerous often being beeped at by cars who have continued to drive at speed despite the cars pulling out of that car park.

The horse riders using Ulnes Walton Lane and Southport road are put at extreme risk as often drivers risk overtaking them and do not understand the lane, they pass too closely and I have seen many horses scared due to this putting the rider in danger. The wild deer and local sheep who are often found on the lane also add extra risks to road users and those unfamiliar with the roads would not be aware of these risks.

The fact that they want to build a third prison in this area is just crazy, the roads are not fit to support what infrastructure is there currently so adding more pressure to this just seems careless. The larger trucks and vans that use this lane have no care for local people and wildlife and have no regard for safety the speeds and the manner they drive their vehicles puts everyone using the road at risk and this is not something that should be ignored.

I thank you for taking the time to read about my experience and hope this helps to support not increasing the risks we already face.

If you need anything more please let me know

Kind regards

Louise Wright