

Dear Leanne,

As a member of the Ulnes Walton community and resident on Ulnes Walton Lane we would like to raise our family's many safety concerns due to the continuing increase in traffic since we moved here in 2007. Please find below some points which we hope will be of use in highlighting what an already busy road it is.

Our home –

Our garden wall has been crashed into 7 times and has had to be re-built 3 times at considerable expense. These were logged with the police at the time of the incidents and also raised as a concern at Ulnes Walton Parish Council meeting.

We have witnessed numerous near misses on the bridge which crosses the River Lostock as our windows (upstairs & down) face the bridge.

An example of the damage on one occasion is attached. Thankfully no one was in the garden as it could have been fatal.

Pollution –

Additional traffic will increase carbon emissions in the area and surrounding villages.

Ulnes Walton Lane -

This is already a busy road. There's significant traffic at Prison shift changes, 07:30 – 09:00 and 16:00-18:00. There is queuing traffic to the South of Ulnes Walton Lane during these times which regularly reach Eccleston Equestrian.

There is nearly always mud on Ulnes Walton Lane from tractors using the fields and agricultural buildings and since last year, the new cow shed. This is very hazardous in the Winter, wet weather and at night.

Additional residential homes are being built along Ulnes Walton Lane and planning permission has been submitted for more.

3 music/festivals were held in fields off the Lane in 2023, this is likely to be repeated annually. These generated additional traffic and people trying to walk along the lane.

Tractors requiring access to fields and wagons delivering are continuously driving on the grass verges as they are too wide for the road. Tyre marks are always visible for evidence.

Daily wagons delivering to and turning into Matthews & Leigh which is accessed from Lostock bridge, they require traffic to stop so they can use both sides of the road to navigate the entrance.

There are many businesses along the lane (equestrian, farms, wood yard, nursing home) where large vehicles have to stop to access, holding up the traffic flow.

Sheep regularly escape from the fields on Holker Lane onto Ulnes Walton Lane near Lostock Bridge causing cars to slam on as they go round the bend. Traffic has to be stopped whilst residents coax them back into the field.

Sat nav's take traffic down Holker Lane from Leyland Lane. Many cars and vans get stuck in the ditches as this road is not suitable for traffic.

Large vehicles such as buses, bin wagons, deliveries to the Prison etc cannot navigate the bend at Lostock Bridge without stopping, using both sides of the carriageway or using the end of our driveway.

There are no pavements along Ulnes Walton Lane. Due to the speed and volume of traffic, we are unable to walk our dog or take our grandsons out in their prams.

There's increased traffic from the Emergency services (Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade) now a daily occurrence to/from the Prison. They travel at speed along the lane.

Marsh House Care Home have regular visits from Ambulances. Their entrance doesn't have a clear view down the lane, this is dangerous.

We have overhead power lines on Ulnes Walton Lane. They have already been caught several times by high sided vehicles transporting diggers etc to Matthews & Leigh (based on Ulnes Walton Lane) - causing lengthy power cuts for residents.

There are limited (in parts) or no street lights along Ulnes Walton Lane. We have had to instal garden lighting to help reduce night time accidents and speeds on the bend.

Cycling clubs and horse riders (from 8 equestrian facilities) regularly use Ulnes Walton Lane, they have right of way but are at risk if there is to be increased traffic and HGV's. Both often cause tailbacks at peak times.

Residents have to endure speeding cars, in excess of the 40mph limit, especially Prison workers at shift changes. Boy racers use Ulnes Walton, Southport Road and Leyland Lane as a circuit. This is more prevalent in the evening and at weekends.

Increased road congestion – Ulnes Walton Lane is already a very busy road. There are bottle necks at the north and south of the lane. Southport Road to the south is already an accident hot spot. Dunkirk Lane to the north is now seeing increased traffic due to the housing development on Longmeanygate. Traffic will come through the surrounding small villages, all of which have poorly equipped roads.

Proposed new roundabout –

A new roundabout at the junction of Southport Road and Ulnes Walton Lane would promote speeding traffic leaving it along both roads & not reduce or be traffic calming.

It would allow for increased speed in-between the average speed cameras, the roundabout would add in a slow section therefore making Southport Road even more dangerous.

There are residential drives on Southport Road where the roundabout is proposed.

There is planning permission at Roecroft Farm for re-development of barns/outbuildings at the top of Ulnes Walton Lane. There will be turning construction traffic for these initially and then additional residential driveways.

We are unfortunately not able to attend the hearing on 25 March 2024 as we look after our grandson but would appreciate a link to watch it virtually if that's possible?

Regards

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