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To: Neighbourhood Planning
Subject: Southbourne and Nutbourne Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Sir,

I am writing regarding concerns we have about the pressure of traffic along Stein Road, which will be increased dramatically should the Neighbourhood plan proposal go ahead.

Very few cars held up by the closing of the Southbourne railway barrier throughout the day, bother to switch their engines off meaning that fumes hang around in the atmosphere. Obviously when children are making the journey to school on foot they are breathing in these fumes and, if also waiting at the barrier, are very compromised. Asthmatic children will be greatly at risk as seen in current news about air pollution in London.

Unfortunately, during school 'collection' times a lot of cars are parked along one side of Stein Road, we have just chosen not to go out at this point because of bad feeling. With the safety need now for the teacher to be able to see the parent before a primary school child is able to go, we realise it is difficult for parents to find somewhere nearby to park, but the outcome is that traffic is greatly hindered and this can lead to impatient decisions. More than once I have seen an oncoming vehicle (from the north) mount the pavement on the 'school' side so that a car is able to pass and free up a 'jam'. Further down towards Lodgebury Close this is possible, although still not advisable, as the pavement is wider, but once past Southbourne Club and up to the roundabout the pavement is very narrow.

[REDACTED] He likes to be independent but was badly shaken when a vehicle mounted the pavement closely behind him to get access past oncoming traffic. Fortunately he managed to hang on to something so that he didn't fall. I have also seen this happen when a mother with pushchair and toddler were walking along the pavement. Some of this problem had occurred because of a slight curve in Stein Road when proceeding north after Mosdell Road. Unfortunately if vehicles park on the left hand side just past this road, it means that drivers going towards the station have to pull out into oncoming traffic to see the road ahead as vision is obscured. All it needs is for the leading driver to be followed by several more cars and then no one can get by.

Before the pandemic happened I actually spoke to Robert Hayes about this issue and he informed me he would bring it forward for discussion but perhaps it got lost when meetings as such were curtailed.

Some of the above traffic problems could be resolved by yellow lines on the left from Glebe Avenue(?) to the care home, to prevent parking and, perhaps a two vehicle length of yellow line further down so that, when caught up in all this, a vehicle actually has somewhere to pull in to.

A lot of other issues with this plan increase our concerns, but the traffic problems in Stein Road we encounter every week are inevitably set to get worse with the proposed housing plan.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Lamplough.

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