

Comments from Member of the Public regarding Traffic

I am writing to you all as I am growing increasingly concerned about 3 separate, but linked, issues which have evolved over a period of time. Accelerated behavioural changes due to 'lockdown', technology and other factors have greatly exacerbated the issues and brought them to the fore.

1. Accident potential to minors (and everyone) at the blind pedestrian entrance of the obscured footpath into Westfield Road down from Park Hill. Due to an exponential increase in courier and supermarket vehicle deliveries. This is not a case of "if" but "when" someone will be knocked down and hurt or worse. Many school age children use this route and have to step out 'blind' into the road into the path of any vehicles coming down the road, the drivers of which are 'blind' too, and if not local are likely to be completely unaware of the footpath entrance.

2. The size and speed of vehicles being driven down the road. I have no particular solutions to these problems other than those I presume are available to planners and highways. But perhaps at least a 20 mph limit and warning signs of a blind entrance and pedestrians would be a start.

3. Our house, Kiln House, is on the junction of Westfield Road and Kiln Lane and with the rise of home deliveries our house roof and guttering has been hit and significantly damaged by particularly supermarket delivery vans, because of their height attempting to turn from Westfield Road into Kiln Lane, many times in the last few years. Apart from the damage and the tiresome time consuming nature of having to deal with the supermarket insurers, they are often not the quickest in responding or adequately until presented with the evidence. We have no wish to curtail anyone's access to or from Kiln Lane but do have a suggestion to solving the problem by a strategically placed heavyweight iron bollard, like those at the entrance to Bell Lane in Wheatley.

I have written to you all as I suspect it may require appropriate action at all three levels to address these problems sensibly, efficiently and effectively in a timely manner, especially before some type of accident occurs.

Obviously I am more than happy to meet on site with any or all appropriate parties to explain or discuss anything further.