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By email to:

Councillor Peter Hall

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Councillor Mike Cox  
Councillor Avril Coulton  
Councillor Michael Tarling  
Councillor Sue Bungey  
Councillor Tom Lane  
Councillor Wendy Grace

*Dear Councillor Peter*

**TRAFFIC IN SOPERS LANE**

I was grateful for the opportunity to talk with you over the issue of the apparent ever increasing speed of traffic along Sopers Lane.

When simply observing and hearing vehicles passing my property, it gives me cause for concern. Just this morning I went outside to watch the traffic passing along Sopers Lane at a time when children were arriving at Twynham School. I would contend that there is a blatant disregard of the speed limit by the majority of motorists. Furthermore, at times, when larger vehicles are travelling at speed, this causes movement to my property, as they pass; this is particularly noticeable in the early hours and in the evenings. The increase in traffic speed is also noticeable along St Margaret's Avenue.

In talking with my neighbour, who like me, has lived in S [REDACTED] for approximately 15 years, she has also noticed the increasing speed of the traffic, and higher noise levels. In contrast there is, at times congestion, with traffic at a standstill often for prolonged periods at weekends and other times. As a result the air quality is often very poor. I notice increasingly greater deposits of small particles, more likely from exhaust emissions settling out on to window ledges, along with what I would expect to be debris from tyres and brake discs and pads.

As I have alluded to above, the presence of Twynham School and the potential consequences of traffic speed should, in my view be considered with students, staff and parents accessing the site.

It is not uncommon to see reductions in speed limits to well below 30mph in other parts of the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch conurbation, along roads adjacent to schools, in town centres and in residential areas. Sopers Lane is part of the very heart of Christchurch and in my opinion must be recognised as such - and thus, have an appropriate speed limit and additional traffic calming measures as necessary.

I would anticipate that all the councillors I have addressed are aware of the ever increasing volume of traffic impacting upon our town and the significant adverse impact it is having on quality of life and concomitant danger. Consequently, I do hope that you are able to raise the issue with the Highways Committee and that appropriate action will be taken. The latter is long overdue.

Yours sincerely



Signed electronically

