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Nicky Cayley

Democratic Services Officer

Witney Town Council

Dear Nicky

I spoke to you before Christmas about the chaos in Welch Way and you said that it could be put on the Agenda for the Traffic Management meeting on January 14th.

I enclose a list of the problems.

Yours sincerely

Diana Power

PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH WELCH WAY AND THE CULDE SAC

VEHICLES (CUL DE SAC)

Vehicles parking on the pavement outside Costa including drivers going to Costa, Greggs, the shops on Welch Way, Marriots Walk, Rowlands Pharmacy, the Library and delivery drivers going to all of the previous plus the Health Centre.

Enormous lorries delivering to the backs of shops on the High Street and to Clarks Timber. Open Reach vans going to and fro from their centre.

Cars going to and fro to the paying car park at the back of Lloyds Bank (who owns this ?)

There are not enough disabled car park spaces for the Health Centre users and there is not enough space for patients to unload wheel chairs etc. safely. They face danger every time they leave their cars.

Frustrated drivers accelerate dangerously once an obstruction has moved.

Drivers turning into the cul de sac are forced to stop because of traffic jams. This creates a build up back to the High Street and also obstructs view of the pedestrian crossing

WELCH WAY

Enormous lorries using the backs of Marriots Walk shops and the apartments (including waste lorries) .

Cars and lorries parked on double yellow lines outside Greggs and the other shops.

Emergency vehicles -Police, Fire and Ambulance, often on a rapid response with sirens wailing have difficulty in driving.

Traffic turning into and out of the cul de sac face obstructions not only of vehicles but also of people who seem oblivious of any danger.

PEOPLE

People stream across the pedestrian crossing and also the mouth of the narrow cul de sac without looking and often on their phones. There are many parents with pushchairs and toddlers on scooters and also elderly people with wheel chairs, scooters and strollers using this busy street (there was an accident by the pedestrian crossing before Christmas).

People use the cul de sac as a short cut between the High Street and Marriots Walk (and vice versa) and use the road rather than the pavement, crossing obliquely behind the disabled cars with total disregard of their safety.

Students use the back way from the college as a short cut, again with disregard of their safety.

The pedestrian crossing is too close to the entrance of Marriots Walk so that people step straight on to it without pausing. The bus stop is too close to the crossing and obscures the crossing.

CONCLUSION

In concluding, it is an absolute mess and very DANGEROUS, it needs a genius to sort it out. Welch Way was designed a long time ago and traffic and footfall has increased. Witney needs Marriots Walk and its free car parking but safety of its people is paramount.