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Subject: Traffic-calming?

Hello,

I spoke with Holly, yesterday, with regard to the road-monitoring, being undertaken situated outside my home at ■■■, Holloway Road, in Witney. Both I, and some of the local residents, were hoping that, finally, the nuisance/danger of young men driving their cars along Holloway Road - from Welch Way to Corn Street, may be coming to an end.

When having passed the road leading to the Technical College, they then accelerate to speeds reaching, we believe, of somewhere between 60 - 70 mph, until breaking hard to meet the junction with Corn Street. This happens every single night, starting from between 5.00 - 6.00pm, until around 11.00 - 12.00pm. They completely ignore the safety of the residents, some of whom are elderly, whilst others have young families, causing both fear and anxiety, when using the pavement, or crossing the road.

Along our stretch of road the left-hand lane is usually full with parked cars, especially so since the new development of town houses, the Applegate/Applegarth (?) properties.

Some of us were hoping that what the two cables crossing the road indicated were to do with much-needed traffic-calming, in particular with regard to the those drivers of 'customised' cars, designed to make as much noise as possible. However, the real issue here is the speed of the cars, in having to use the right-hand lane leading up to Corn Street. This behaviour is extremely dangerous, not just for us, but also for any oncoming vehicles- there have already been incidents here.

These old cars are being driven around a 'circuit'. They travel up Holloway Road, then to Corn Street, along the High Street, up Welch Way, then up Holloway Road. This absurd behaviour continues to be an unwelcome blight upon those of us who live here.

It has been noted that since the twin cables were lain, some of these drivers now almost stop to pass over the cables, then accelerate at speed and race up to the junction with Corn Street, only then to have to break hard. Some other drivers, apparently, have stopped using Holloway Road until the removal of the cables, in order, one presumes, so as to create a false positive for any data collected. We, the residents, would be most grateful if some traffic-calming measures were put in place-e.g. some 4 - 5 , raised squares of road material, leading from the junction of the College, to Corn Street, along the right-hand lane.

Please help keep the residents upper-most when making any future decisions re Holloway Road.

Thank you for your time in reading this email,

Best Regards,
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