

## Traffic speeding on Woodstock Road Witney

I live in the vicinity of the zebra crossing and Wood Green School and cannot leave my house without using the Woodstock Road.

I endeavour to walk into town whenever possible and we regularly walk for exercise late evening.

It is not a question of some cars speeding but that it being the norm. A car passing by at 30mph is memorable and not an unpleasant experience. It is not uncommon for a car observing the speed limit to be overtaken by an impatient driver. In the vicinity there are a number of road junctions, innumerable residential drives, cyclists, a zebra crossing and, significantly, a school.

I have never seen the speed camera function and anyway it would do nothing to quell the speed of people roaring out of Witney to exit the town.

I frequently have reason to attend Holy Trinity Church and it is becoming increasingly difficult for people, many elderly, to cross, to get to church. A number of pedestrians cross the road to go between Woodlands Road and New Yatt Road in the area of Woodgreen. If you alight from a bus at Newland there is no no safer, alternative route but to walk a short way up Woodstock Road and then cross to access Farmers Close, New Yatt Road etc. and this is far from safe.

I have written to TVP and had no acknowledgement, not even an acknowledgement of receipt of my letter, which I requested. I copied my letter to OCC and did receive a reply saying the police were the people to lobby.

I think it is fair to say that drivers are aware that the probability of being caught for speeding on Woodstock Road, Witney is almost nil.

An additional concern is standing at the zebra crossing on the south side of the road, by the school, where pedestrians are hidden by the tree and drivers heading towards the town frequently don't notice pedestrians until the last minute. This is exacerbated by the fact that the epicormic growth around the base of this particular lime tree has not been trimmed back. For attentive adults this is a known problem but for students who are chattering, or for year 7 children finding their own way to school for the first time, this could result in tragedy.

**Finally, on the subject of excessive speed, we all have a duty of care to the planet and providing a 'twenty is plenty' 20mph blanket coverage over the entire town will reduce pollution – something that we must all agree is essential and should be done immediately.**

It would need to be enforced, of course, and it is quite clear that is not happening at this end of Witney at present.

Charlotte Tremain