

Having lived in Cornelia Crescent for 44 years I have noticed how our estate is changing.

I walk, cycle and use the bus as much as possible but also have to use a car when the distance, transport of others, distance or the weather affects my decision.

Now that traffic along Belvidere road is heavier, and people park near the corner of Frensham Road, the exit from Frensham onto Belvidere Road can be very dangerous as cars turning in meet head on those coming out.

If Belvidere Road gets even busier as a possible "Rat Run" from Preston Street to Crowmere Road this can only get worse.

Recently I saw a lady with a walking aid trying to cross at the Belvidere Avenue junction with Belvidere Road at the same time as school children and it was very tricky for all concerned with few gaps in traffic.

I have no objection to more homes in our lovely area but if the traffic on Preston Street becomes "Through" as opposed to "Local" it will become very dangerous at peak times in an area with school children and a lot of elderly people.

As I get older my cycle trip gets ever more dangerous with the development at the end of Sparrow Lane, more access roads onto Abbey Foregate and traffic lights which seem to fail regularly! I would not even contemplate cycling round The Column roundabout!

I urge your department to think carefully about the future safety in our area.

I am increasingly fearing for my future here and beginning to feel I may be "trapped" in.

We are trying to encourage children to walk or cycle to school but are making it more dangerous for them.

The latest Budget has suggested even longer Sunday shopping hours, we have no Sunday buses now so even more car use will ensue. Is anyone out there using joined up thinking?

Please contact me if you need further information.

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