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HIGHAM ROAD PETITION

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Since the advent of the northern Wainscott Bypass, Higham Road has been used as a rat run for motorists coming to and from the B2000 towards the Medway Tunnel/Cliffe.

This is due to the lack of appropriately situated slip roads to and from the bypass via the B2000. Subsequently the volume of traffic along Higham Road has increased.

Higham road is a residential road with a number of vehicles using the south side of the road for parking. This causes the road to be clear in only one direction of moving traffic at a time.

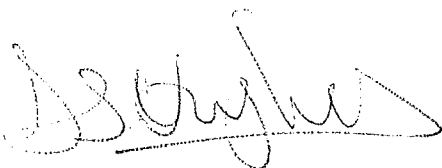
Recently bollards have been installed in an effort to stop moving vehicles (mainly those travelling eastbound) using the pavement as an extra lane of the road.

Now that motorists are aware the bollards force vehicles to give way to oncoming traffic, the speeds of these vehicle has increased as they try to get a clear run of the road before an oncoming car appears.

Whilst the bollards, to a small extent, are protecting the pavement, the pedestrians who use it and garden walls and fences, they have done nothing with regard to the increase of vehicles now using the road along with the speeding issues.

Attached is a petition which has been signed by the residents of Higham Road and immediate surrounding areas, along with the parents of children from 'Smilers Pre School', Wainscott.

It states: *'We, the residents of **Higham Road, Wainscott** and immediate surrounding areas, petition Medway Council to take traffic calming measures in **Higham Road** as soon as possible in order to slow speeding vehicles and reduce the size of the vehicles (using the road). This will provide a much safer pedestrian environment, prevent further vehicular accidents and ensure the integrity of residential properties on Higham Road. The local residents are also asking the Council to take the safety of the residents, especially the children, very seriously and consult them so that appropriate measures can be taken.'*



Deborah Hughes (Lead Petitioner)

On behalf of Mrs Mel Hughes, 9 Higham Road, Wainscott