

Dear Saltash Town Council,

Re: Excessively Speeding Traffic on New Road, B3271, SALTASH, PL12 6HW.

We would like our road to be considered for the installation of average speed cameras, please, as we experience a high volume of excessively speeding traffic along our road at all times of the day and night.

At present we have traffic islands which have been demolished and damaged on several occasions, and have had at least three near neighbour's cars written off, as well as damage to pavements and walls over the years that we have lived here, (24). It is too dangerous to stand in the middle of a traffic island as the person could easily be killed. The coaches go through in the early hours at about 60 or 70 mph, estimated by my husband, who returns home at this time doing 30 mph which is the speed limit for the road. It is dangerous to do 30 mph as the drivers are too impatient and tail gate right behind the vehicle in front.

My husband has had so many near misses trying to get out of or turning into our driveway on both sides of the road, either on his motorbike or in the car, that it is terrifying. When he decides to manoeuvre there is either nothing in sight or, it is at a safe distance away for him to be able to complete the procedure. More often than not he has to reverse rapidly into our driveway to avoid being hit, or wait for ages for another completely clear road to start again. Whilst waiting to be able to turn in, he has nearly been rammed on several occasions by inattentive, speeding drivers who often gesticulate in an offensive manner towards him for slowing their progress, or verbally and loudly abuse him, as well!

As North Road immediately joins onto New Road, which also joins onto Liskeard Road in almost a straight line, with just a few traffic islands, and one set of traffic lights, plus two mini roundabouts, it is all used as a race track by many of the road users.

As it is very dangerous for those doing the speed limit and for pedestrians alike, please would you be kind enough to monitor, investigate and instigate the need for better traffic calming measures, such as speed cameras?

I have already contacted all the local Tamar Ward Councillors about this issue which resulted in a very informative reply from Mr Pete Samuels, which has resulted in this letter to the Town Council for their consideration at their Full Council Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October. I have also contacted our MP, Sheryll Murray, and have had an invaluable exchange of ideas and information with Mr Will Glassup, Highways Manager of Cornwall Highways, who has informed me that I am not the only person complaining about this issue. I have also contacted our Cornwall Councillor, Sheila Lennox – Boyd, who has also been trying for many years to do something about the speeding problem. Today, I have finally managed to contact the local police via their website complaints/issues page, but sadly not in person.

We would be very grateful for your help in this matter before someone is killed. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Higgins.

