

Wiltshire Council

Tuesday 6 June 2017

Calne Area Board

Questions raised by Mr & Mrs Vinos- Traffic exceeding speed limit (Silver Street)

I have reported this now three times in the last two months and nothing has changed and no one has contacted me back.

I first phoned the council two months ago and they suggested I phone 101 (which I did), and reported the excessive speed of cars, especially the lorries and trucks. I have now phoned the 101 number twice and they took my contact details the first time and second time and I have heard nothing since. The second time I phoned the 101 number they apologised and said someone would ring back and yet again I am still waiting.

I then phoned the council again and they said the local Speed Watch would contact me within four days and this was over a month ago. Are the local Speed Watch team waiting for an incident to happen before making it a priority?

There is only one 30 speed limit sign just before the roundabout by White Horse Way coming down towards the Wiltshire Constabulary. The street is on a gradient which the cars/lorries are exceeding the 30 speed limit on average the traffic is hitting 50/60 mph. There are senior citizens and children from the nearby school that I have seen being almost hit because the cars cannot slow down quick enough (I have even helped a few senior citizens across the road as they have been too frightened to cross the road). The worst culprits are the huge lorries. It is a matter of when and not if before there is a serious fatality. Even when I try to come out of my drive onto Silver Street, the cars and lorries would rather drive around me into the opposite lane at an extremely fast speed rather than stop or slow down.

I have recently moved to Wiltshire from London. So I am very used to noise and traffic. But the speed of the trucks and juggernauts and lack of adhering to the 30 mph limit has been somewhat alarming!