

The Gables
32 Meadow Drive
Cheadle
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10th September 2016.

To whom it may concern,

As a resident in Meadow Drive Cheadle for the last 58 years, I am writing with deep concern about the proposals to make Meadow Drive a through road into the new development area. I believe that this has already been declined, and I am upset to hear that this issue has raised its head again. Why? When is someone going to start to listen to residents who live in the road? Do we have to wait for a serious accident to occur before someone listens to us?

On Wednesday 7th September I read an article in the Cheadle and Tean Times titled 'Campaign reminds drivers 20 is plenty' which is run by Staffordshire County Council to encourage drivers to reduce their speed to allow pupils to arrive at school and leave in a safer environment. This totally contradicts the idea to make access from Meadow Drive to the new development site. As quoted in the article by Councillor Mark Deaville, (Staffordshire County Council's Transport Chief) 'Our 20 is plenty initiative is one of many campaigns we run keeping our roads amongst the safest in the country.' This will no longer apply if access is given in Meadow Drive. The article continues to state that the scheme is encouraging MORE parents and children to walk and cycle to school, I have deep concerns about Meadow Drive The Avenue, The Birches and Charles Street as they are all surrounded by all the Cheadle schools. Where is your commitment to road safety in our local area?

As a voluntary worker at a local Primary school, I am aware of the new statutory guidance for schools and colleges to commence on 5th Sept 2016 titled ' Keeping Children Safe in Education' published by the Department for Education. Surely this extends to keeping our children safe in an environment where they have to access their schools.

I invite you to visit Meadow Drive during term time to experience what we as local residents are trying to share with you, come and see for yourself how dangerous the roads are currently without making the situation worse. Access MUST be taken away from this area, if we wish to keep this area a safe place for our school children to access their education. Is that too much to ask? We owe this duty of care to the young people in our local community.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Jean Allen