Attention Cllr Alex Dale

Cabinet Member for Young People Derbyshire County Council.

Dear Councillor Dale,

I am a Tansley resident and I am writing to express my concern about the absence of a safe place to cross the A615, which runs through the village.

The A615 is a major arterial road which bisects the village, the road is extremely busy at peak times, the geometry of the road, and the lack of a continuous footpath, restricts a safe crossing point for residents, it is a hazard for young families trying to access village facilities to include Tansley School.

I am aware the school is developing a transport plan aimed at reducing car use and promoting healthy/green ways of getting to and from school. Having to cross a busy road is impacting negatively on the plan as many parents use cars to avoid crossing the busy road with their children.

I request DCC seriously consider further measures such as a zebra/pelican crossing or speed cameras ( speed camera data indicates that Derbyshire is in 37th position out of 39 counties -almost the bottom! When clocking up speeding offences due to the lack of cameras) The reduction of vehicle speed and the amount of traffic using this road at peak times needs to be addressed with highway mitigation , related to pedestrian safety. DCC are aware that not only do we have primary school children crossing this road, but a large number of secondary school children also need to cross the A615 to catch the school bus.

There is a proposed housing development on the opposite side of the road from the school. This development contains a range of different housing which will attract families and lead to more children attending Tansley School and Highfields School.

We know the Council has a ‘Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy’ which states they will:

* *allocate resources, where these are available, that create, sustain and maintain a transport infrastructure that is conducive to active, healthy, safe and environmentally friendly ways of travelling to school*

By w*orking with schools, parents, pupils and partnership agencies we will encourage more active modes of travel by promoting walking, cycling and scooting, public transport and car sharing through activities and initiatives.*

I urge you to support measures to provide a crossing /traffic calming on the A615, which will help reduce vehicle congestion in the village and around school, and encourage sustainable forms of accessing school, which at this time are impossible.

Action needs to be taken quickly before there is a serious incident/accident in our village.

I thank you for your help with this matter.

Yours sincerely