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To Mr David Tutt ,

I am writing on behalf of some of the residents of St Phillips Avenue in Eastbourne, we are sending this letter in complaint of the speeding and heavy traffic usage of our road. I am the owner of no 68 St Phillips Avenue and we live just at the bottom of the hill opposite the entrance to Hunloke Avenue, road traffic in general will come down the hill going in excess of the speed limit. This has the effect of making all our houses vibrate badly in certain places, especially when a heavy vehicle comes past (eg dust carts from the tip, delivery hlab trucks from nearby builders merchants).

These problems have become more prominent in the last few years and if it continues like this then there will be a serious accident to life or serious damage to a house before long. This is not going to get any better as traffic volume grows and the lorries get heavier. We all remember the fatal gas explosion in Ecmud Road a few years ago and this was caused by road vibrations (the road is now one way because of this). Some works to slow down traffic down our end of the road was undertaken some time in 2002 – 2003 but this has not been effective at all, in fact it is useless. A speed bump was recently fitted at the fire station end of the road and this has again proved to be useless, as when traffic hits the bump it just causes more vibrations to the houses nearby. When these houses and the road were originally built it was not designed for the traffic usage it now gets and as a residential area it should not have this volume of traffic.

As I type this on my laptop in my back room I am constantly reminded of the traffic as the room is vibrating and shaking every time a lorry/hlab or HGV drives past. On the rare occasion I am off work and try to have a lie in in the morning it is impossible as the bedroom vibrating due to the traffic and keeps me awake.

We are requesting that some form of traffic calming measures are put in place (not speed bumps). Preferably a 20mph speed limit and a form of allowing only one vehicle at a time through certain parts of the road. This will hopefully make the road less desirable as a cut through and slow the traffic down to levels where the houses do not vibrate and it is much safer for people to cross the road. It would also be preferable if lorries over a certain weight were not allowed to use the road. I have sent out questionnaires to several of my neighbours, which I include in this letter so you can see that it is not localised to my house alone and my neighbours feel the same way as I do. I know this affects a lot more houses throughout St Phillips Avenue and I am prepared to canvass the whole street if necessary with this questionnaire and take further action as necessary to get improvements made to the road.

I look forward to a response

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