

Problem – Thousands of cars a day cutting through Addiscombe Court Rd

Road Traffic Changes

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Unsurprisingly the traffic has simply moved to the next through road – Addiscombe Court Road – our road. Previously it would be surprising to find more than a handful of cars travelling northbound down the road, now there are **in excess of 1400 vehicles per day** – a tripling of northbound traffic. However, the Council's impact assessment did not consider the obvious possibility that the traffic would simply be displaced into the next adjacent through road – Addiscombe Court Road. Nor were residents in Addiscombe Court Road consulted – which is a legal requirement. And Croydon knew our road would be impacted – they put traffic monitoring devices on our street!

No Consultation

The council chose to only consult with roads nearer to East Croydon, which would not be affected, as they are NOT through roads. They chose not to consult our road. So the Council decided to simply route a huge traffic problem from one street, to an even narrower street - our street - without consulting you! Additionally the Committee was told all the surrounding streets were one way – but the top half of Addiscombe Court Road is not! Whether this was simply incompetence or for other reasons is unknown.

Why weren't residents on Addiscombe Court Road consulted when changes to the road scheme has a direct impact on residents? Especially when Croydon knew that our street would be impacted – they actually put in place monitoring devices on Addiscombe Court Road to measure it.

Our Road

Addiscombe Court Road is particularly unsuited to higher traffic volumes:

- It is a much narrower road than Lebanon Road)
- Parents access to the school in Tunstall Road
- Addiscombe Court Road is not a one way system – the top half is a two way system – with traffic from Tunstall Road going up the hill directly into the on-coming traffic

Impact –

The impact of hundreds of cars a day is appalling:

- More pollution and a worse environment, affecting your health
- More traffic congestion – increasing your travelling time and making it difficult to park safely as traffic whizzes by
- More traffic accidents, especially for mothers and children, older people and pets – our road provides access to a nursery school in Tunstall Road
- More accidental damage to parked vehicles
- More noise pollution
- More cars parking in the street, and fewer parking spaces for residents
- More opportunistic crime such as burglaries
- Higher insurance premiums for your car and home

Who to contact?

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