

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM – Meeting 30 July 2009**CALVERLEY PARK CRESCENT FREEHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION****ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE TOWN FORUM****Traffic in Crescent Road**

The volume of traffic continues to increase, and at some times of the day there is a continuous stream, so that it can be very difficult, and frightening to some of elderly residents, to cross the road at Carrs Corner. The road has become particularly dangerous for children and teenagers, many of whom are walking from Calverley Grounds and surrounding areas into the centre of town. One of our residents recently witnessed a horrific accident between a motorcycle and a car in the road. The issue is not new and Councillor Mrs Mayhew wrote some 6 years ago expressing her disappointment at the lack of progress. We would very much appreciate some assistance in obtaining a satisfactory resolution.

The other issue concerns the heavy goods lorries now using the road. These pass within less than a metre of the balcony that projects over the pavement in the centre of the block. The vibrations caused by the lorries can be felt in the buildings which are not very strongly constructed and must be suffering as a result. We accept the need for some lorries through the town but surely it should be possible to prohibit the 44 ton, 12 wheel monsters that may well be doing significant damage to these iconic, fragile old buildings.

Recreational Cycling

One of our residents has recently been trying, unsuccessfully, to find safe routes to cycle with his 3 children around Tunbridge Wells. Surprisingly, with the abundance of green spaces we have in our parks and the common, it is impossible to ride a bicycle anywhere, as all the parks ban cycling. He is therefore forced to take the family and their cycles in the car into the country. Would it be possible to create cycle paths through the parks and across the common, possibly at weekends or during the summer months similar to the seasonal regime that exists for horse riding?

Grot Spot

The Council rubbish tip is a disgrace to Tunbridge Wells. It looks an awful mess, it smells abominably and very little effort is made to monitor what is thrown away. There is no "free-cycling" facility. It needs to be completely rebuilt along the lines of the tip north of Sevenoaks where the waste goes straight into very large skips. With this arrangement, the staff can easily check that rubbish is going into the correct skip and the tip can be run much more efficiently.

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