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Hi Emma

I wonder if it is possible to add an agenda item for the next Planning and Highways Committee meeting on 5th November 2025. For explanation, I've attached (below) the text of an email I've recently sent to some councillors to request advice about dangerous traffic and road conditions on Wroughton High Street. I know you don't do potholes at WPC, so I've reported that problem via SBC, but it struck me that appropriate road signage/traffic calming is a relevant item for WPC meetings. So could you please read below and let me know if the traffic calming part of this could become an agenda item for 5th Nov, or should I just raise it in the public questions section?

Thanks

Explanation text:

I have just reported a dangerous pothole on Wroughton High Street via the Swindon Borough Website. I am writing to you as well to see if you can do anything (two-pronged approach) to lend weight to this. However, I am also writing to you because the pothole is not the only issue — speeding and large volumes of very heavy trucks being amongst others.

Firstly, the Pothole: there is an elongated pothole in the centre of Wroughton High Street, just past the turning to Ely Court as you travel west (up the hill). It's getting worse and cars are swerving towards the pavement (outside Massala Bites takeaway) to avoid it. Heavy trucks have no option but to drive straight over it — which is causing a lot of noise and distress for residents on the High Street. Also, the shape of the pothole suggests some sort of infrastructure underneath (possibly a drain or cabling?) that, if damaged, will cause a lot more problems for residents and a lot more traffic flow issues than a simple pothole repair would.

Secondly, Speeding cars and heavy trucks: a separate, but compounding issue for the pothole problem is that both cars and, more worryingly, heavy trucks regularly speed through the High Street. There certainly seems to be an increase in very heavy trucks using the High Street which is making the speeding very dangerous indeed. My wife, whilst getting out of the car, was nearly hit by a fast moving truck whistling within inches of her. I know there are also issues with drivers speeding straight across the pedestrian crossing a little further down the road, without stopping for pedestrians using the crossing.

Can I please firstly request that you lend some weight to my pothole report (which is now showing on the SBC pothole map).

Can I please secondly ask if there is anything you can do about the speeding and weight of traffic before somebody gets injured or killed here on Wroughton High Street. Perhaps some flashing speed-limit signs similar to the ones in surrounding villages (currently we don't seem have any here), or perhaps reducing the whole zone to 20mph, or perhaps introducing a weight-limit for vehicles as the road is clearly not strong enough for the volume of heavy trucks using it. These would be my suggestions, but you may have other traffic calming ideas that would help too.

Thank you for your understanding

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