

Sir / Madam,

We the people of Tunbridge Road, Tickfield Avenue (West) and Penhurst Avenue wish to have addressed the issue to traffic on our roads.

As it stands, due to the poor layout of the roads and recent changes to other junctions, the aforementioned roads are now bombarded with thousands of unwanted vehicles every day.

This high level of traffic is causing a huge disturbance to its residents together with traffic congestion and even traffic jams when heavy goods vehicles become lodged down the narrow roads. Furthermore, Southend Police are also forced to use the rat run frequently when they are on 'Blue Light Runs'. This means speeds in excess of 50 MPH in our 20 MPH area. Police cars are then forced to travel the long way around to an incident which is delaying police response times and potentially endangering lives.

Due to our roads being a rat run, there is a huge volume of cars speeding down the road. In fact it is rare to see a car travel within the 20 MPH speed limit. Due to the high number of children living in this area and the on street parking which isn't controlled, it is surely a matter of time before a child is killed on what has now become a dangerous road.

The issue of our traffic volume is also felt at the Blue Boar junction of Victoria Avenue and East Street. Due to the right turn light staying green for only 11 seconds every 4 minutes and the huge volume of cars wishing to head north after rat running through our roads... we have also seen a huge rise in congestion on East street.

We the people put it to the council to turn the left only turn from Carnarvon Road onto Victoria Avenue into a Left and Right turn. This will allow the following people to use the junction to head north:

- Southend Crown Court
- Southend Magistrate Court
- Prisoner Escort Service
- Essex Police (Speed up response times)
- Civic Centre
- Southend Museum
- Beascroft Art Gallery

- Residence of Croborough Road
- 2 Multi Story Car parks
- 2 Single level car parks
- Carnarvon Road Doctors Surgery
- All 200 residence of the new Carnarvon Road block of flats due to be erected

As it stands, all the above locations have to use our small roads to head north as they can only head south on the Carnarvon road / Victoria Avenue junction and we the people want change. The new construction of the Victoria Station Junction has also taken away any ability for people to turn around in order to head north.

We understand that the Carnarvon Road / Victoria Avenue junction leads onto a dual-carriageway but we have seen many examples of two way junctions including Progress Road. I further understand the argument that you wish traffic to free flow out of Southend but Victoria Avenue alone already has 6 sets of traffic lights when heading north.

My proposal would not add to this number in any way. It would purely change the Pedestrian crossing into a traffic system and would not delay cars any longer then it would if a pedestrian was to press the button to cross the road. It would also take the strain off of East Street with its 11 Second green light and place it onto Victoria Avenue which has a green signal for much longer and 2 lanes to share the traffic. It also allows emergency vehicles to join this faster road and gives them the ability to filter through traffic. Something they can't currently do safely on our roads and East Street.

Upon speaking to the people of the neighbourhood; this is something we all not only want but need. I have received very positive feedback and much support.

Please find enclosed **117** signatures from the neighbourhood requesting this change.

Many of the flyers include comments such as:

Really Hope you are successful – 12 Tunbridge Road

It was a speeding police van that killed my cat – 70 Tunbridge Road

100% Agree! – 44 Tickfield Avenue

Please help reduce the congestion on our once quiet roads and allow it to join the dual-carriageway sooner rather than destroy our neighbourhood and continue to endanger lives.

Yours Sincerely

James Drury

