

One can only hope that someone with a bit better understanding of traffic control has looked at the implications of the increased vehicular movement through Barugh Green. Some of the recent changes leave you wondering. Shaving the roundabout at the top of Higham Common road for one, yes it makes it easier for big wagons to negotiate, but it also means that cars heading towards to motorway can take it at excessive speeds (without any consideration for people who were already at the roundabout and therefore have right of way).

This small village already has got far too many HGV's racing up and down Higham common road with little or no consideration for the fact that they are going past a school. There are times it is reminiscent of that old black and white movie Hell Drivers. Case in point one of the rubber speed calmers got dislodged due to volume of heavy traffic (around 2 years ago) and has not been replaced.

Or the cars that come flying down Longley street because they don't want to wait at the lights. I have lived here for 11 years and am surprised every day that there hasn't been a serious accident, but it's only a matter of time (I desperately hope I am wrong but I doubt it).

Any of the above vehicles entering the village from the top has to negotiate the slalom of parked vehicles from the Engineers public house right up to Alam's restaurant.

Someone is probably going to say that new entrances and exits are going to be made, well until they are completed it will be a nightmare. The new roundabout at the bottom of Barugh is a case in point. How long did that take to get resolved ? and just wait until traffic starts cutting through the new estate down there to try and beat the T junction below the Royal public house.

Common sense and health and safety should tell you that the speed and quantity of current traffic is a major issue, increasing volume is just going to make matters worse for current residents.

So, my strong suggestion is that if these proposals go ahead (and I am sure they will no matter the consequences) get the new entrances and exits in place first before you add to the current problems.

I hope I am not the only person to make these observations, but if I am it will certainly make me feel better that I pointed them out beforehand.