

10 Priory Croft
Kenilworth CV8 1LP

26th March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Warwick Road Kenilworth Pedestrian Safety Scheme

I would like to draw your attention to the difficulties which would be caused by the above proposal, namely, transferring traffic from a sparsely populated commercial road to a residential community road, namely Priory Road. This week Warwick Road is closed for resurfacing. The consequence of that closure is a confused flow of traffic, including buses - three services, 17, station replacement and 11 (which runs every 15 minutes at present, reverting to every 7 minutes soon), lorries, bikes and cars - their only way through Kenilworth. If this is a taste of what the result would be of permanent closure of Warwick Road between the Clock Tower and Waverley Road, it is totally unacceptable - come & see for yourselves. Priory Road is a residential road comprising mainly elderly residents and some young families. Along its length, which your proposal is to create a through road, are the following:-

a primary school

two nursery schools for under 5's

a railway station

three elderly persons accommodation buildings

Waverley Day Centre for vulnerable and disabled people

a junction with Berke Road (the main road route to Walsley)

a busy church, which also has junction rooms for hire

a dental surgery

offices

two takeaway food outlets

Apart from the many elderly residents we have in Priory Road, we also have two registered blind people.

I attempted to cross the road today, peeping out between parked cars (the residents on one side have nowhere else to park, except in front of their terraced properties), while a stream of cars skimmed past. It's a good job I'm a fit 73 year old and don't have children's hands to hold and guide across, so I could make a dash across.

Priory Road should definitely be scheduled for the

traffic calming measures you propose implementing along other adjacent roads. There needs to be humps and a 20mph speed restriction, at least. Even without the current diversion along Priory Road, the traffic which uses it to avoid the main Warwick Road in normal times needs to slow down. 30mph (even if it were adhered to) is too fast past schools and the other establishments already mentioned.

I suggest you slow down the traffic on Warwick Road with humps and speed at 20mph, keep it open (the shops would benefit) but impose the same restrictions on Priory Road to prevent it becoming a short cut, rat race and putting Kenilworth residents at serious risk. Nor do we want the pollution for the school children and residents along Priory Road, now we have seen that caused the death of a child in London and serious implications for health for those exposed to continuous exhaust fumes.

I would be interested to hear your response and to be notified of any investigations you make to become better informed about every day life in Priory Road, Kenilworth.

Yours faithfully

C.J. Morgan (Mrs)