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### **Traffic Problems on Lowes Wong and Westgate**

Dear Ms Wright

I am writing specifically on behalf of residents of Wands Close, though the problems raised apply equally to residents of Lowes Wong and Dunham Close. Please regard this as a matter that should be raised for consideration by the Council. A copy is also being sent to County Councillor Roger Jackson as the issue affects the A612 running through the town.

The main problem concerns traffic, and particularly vehicles turning right from Lowes Wong onto Westgate. Due to parked vehicles on Westgate visibility is at times very bad, especially if parked vehicles are high sided such as vans or large SUVs. As a result turning right from Lowes Wong is often a matter of hope rather than certainty.

The context is that there are 43 households that are accessed from Lowes Wong most of which have two cars. In addition the bottom part of Lowes Wong is used for general parking and school related parking also takes place near the steps.

A related problem is that Westgate in the vicinity of the Lowes Wong junction is a pinch point and with vehicles parked on both sides of the road the available road space is often reduced to one lane causing hold ups and at times gridlock.

Traffic is increasing and the problem is getting worse. The only solution we can think of is to extend the double yellow line area to ban parking on Westgate between the Reindeer and Lowes Wong. A mirror opposite Lowes Wong might be useful though it could be a distraction for motorists who also have to keep very vigilant for traffic coming from both sides, sometimes at inappropriate speed.

We would appreciate it if we could be informed of any outcome of discussion by the Council.

Yours faithfully,