

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you upon advice of Nick Champion after a meeting that our local MP Nadia Clancy had kindly organised with Mitcham Council and Dept. of road transport after complaints from various residents in our local area.

I have been living in Ormond Avenue Daw Park since April 2013 and have noticed the traffic becoming much worse and dangerous over recent years.

I was told when I first moved in that speed humps were to have been erected in our street in 2012 but then this did not occur. I have also been told that 15 years ago speed humps were to be installed, but never happened. Residents have been complaining for years re traffic volume/speed and congestion and in the last few years, council has granted permission for a childcare centre and then a medical centre, further creating mayhem for our street.

No Residents apart from those at 10 Ormond Avenue were notified of these developments.

In 2000, when the Foodland (formerly Bi-Lo) was built on the corner of Ormond and Goodwood Road, all residents were notified and it was approved **ON THE PROVISION NO DELIVERY VANS** were to travel along Ormond Avenue, but enter from Goodwood Road.

This provision is not being adhered to. Not only are oversized delivery vans and other commercial vehicles being driven down our street, but other motorists cutting through at very high speeds coming from either South Road to get to Goodwood Road or the other direction.

There is a NO RIGHT TURN into Ormond Avenue from Goodwood Road travelling south in the mornings between 7 – 10am – NO MOTORISTS honour this, apart from those that live on the street.

There is constant parking on both sides of the street – I have a car parked outside my home and then on opposite side of the road – I cannot see backing out of my driveway at any time/day of the week safely without a car that is flying past nearly rear ending me.

Cut through motorists drive at high speeds weaving in and out of parked cars with no regard for anyone but themselves. Ormond is an extremely narrow street as compared to many other streets in Cumberland/Daw Park and Colonel Light Gardens.

I do not know what it is going to take to make Mitcham Council listen to their rate paying residents. Residents have pleaded with them to cut the street off at the Winston Avenue end, put in speed humps or reduce speed to 40km. This had all fallen on deaf ears.

Will it take a major accident or death to make them notice? We live on a very narrow street, not wide enough for 2 cars to be parked on either side.

I spoke at the Council meeting in August and I asked Mitcham Council what they were going to do about the safety of the residents on Ormond Avenue Daw Park, after years of promising speed humps, then they go and build a childcare centre and medical centre to create even more traffic.

The representative did not answer my question, she told me 'it was all within planning guidelines'.

This is how she justified her answer, its all about revenue raising with this council, they DO NOT CARE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE. I am sure if it was her family that were living on the street, any type of deterrent to stop people cutting through her street would've been done with the rate payer funds.

If it was all within planning guidelines, how is it, that there is not enough parking for these 2 developments? I know for a fact, medical centre patients are parking in both the childcare, butcher and Foodland carpark. Council certainly overlooked the parking aspect in their planning, merely only rubbing their hands together for more revenue.

I have witnessed cars driving at high speeds at all hours/days of the week weaving between cars, car crashes and cars being damaged. Next it will be a car driving into a house or worse a pedestrian. There are more and more young families with children that have moved into the street and are extremely worried about the volume and the speed at which people drive.

Council seems to have the funding to plant trees and do paving in other streets, why not the funding to ensure the safety of rate paying residents when this has been requested on a regular basis.

Paul from [REDACTED] Ormond Avenue a resident for over 20 years, went to the effort of compiling a survey from residents to ensure volume and speeds were reduced. Not many residents responded at that time due to a high level of units/tenants. He presented this to Mitcham Council – they ignored it, then went ahead and built a childcare centre with no consultation with residents on the street.

People have received generic email responses in regards to their complaints. I was told by a lady in Planning that it was out of their jurisdiction to help me because I couldn't see trying to drive out of my own driveway. I HAVE A YOUNG CHILD who could be killed by one of the speeding motorists cutting through this street. We are all appalled at this council not listening to complaints. We just cannot believe with all the complaints over the years, that they went and created more traffic and congestion for us and made the street even worse.

Our suggestions are:

- The street to be blocked off at Hope Street – anyone that is needing to visit Foodland/Medical/Childcare centres – can enter from Goodwood road street or carpark of Foodland depending on what direction they are coming from (remove the no right turn during mornings). Many people also walk to these shops so could still do so.
- The street to be blocked off at Winston Avenue, directing cars to use Edward Street then Goodwood Road (remove the no right turn during mornings)
- Speed reduced to 40km regardless
- Parking only allowed one side of the street at all times

I am sick to death of these cut through motorists sounding their horn at me when I am exiting or entering my driveway or if I am driving too slow for them. I am frustrated with always having to constantly let people in due to the traffic being parked on both sides of the roads. I am also sick to death of not being able to drive into my own street due to the cars at the entrance of Ormond Avenue (as attached).

If someone from this Panel could please come down and witness the motorist's activities and congestion and help us to make our street a safe one. Everyone has a right to feel safe in their own street. Council has no idea what happens on our street. It took them 2 months and 2 complaints later to remove an oversized caravan from the corner of Ormond and Roseberry Street. Yet again another safety issue for all residents.

Someone is going to get hurt or killed and I know who we all will be holding responsible unless something is done immediately.

This is now a SAFETY ISSUE not a funding issue. I speak on behalf of many rate paying residents in Ormond Avenue.

Council has enough funds to act on this.

Kind Regards

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