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To whom it may concern:

Enclosed please find a copy of a petition I have completed regarding the chicanes on Pole Lane.

The Action petitioned for:

- 1) A meaningful consultation and dialogue with the Council and residents to discuss alternative traffic calming measures which are acceptable to the residents.
- 2) The removal of the chicanes on Pole Lane because of unforeseen problems they have caused. They have been ineffective at reducing speeding and have created new dangers and have a negative impact on resident's daily lives.

I have obtained signatures from residents on Pole Lane, Stork Street and Craven Terrace. I notified the Council Staff, Phil Riley, Head of Council and Carmel Foster-Devine, Head of Highways at Blackburn with Darwen Council in September and was informed a speed survey would be done. I explained the problem was not just speed but the overall effect of the chicanes. They have definitely made the lane more dangerous and we still have the very high speeds. I informed Carmel I may wait for the results of the speed survey before submitting the survey. I was informed by my local Councillor the Council were fully aware of the petition and it wouldn't matter that I had not submitted it. As have not yet heard anything I am sending a copy of the petition.

There are 87 properties on Pole Lane. Residents from 78 of those properties signed the petition.

Of the remaining 9 properties:

- one there was never anyone home,
- two households declined to sign,
- one household the occupier was an elderly lady with dementia,
- one was a Housing Association property housing a resident with a disability,
- 4 properties were empty.

Signatures were obtained from the 4 properties on Craven Terrace (newly built houses which are situated on Pole Lane).

Signatures were obtained from the 5 properties on Stork Street cul-de-sac.
The total number of signatures is 167.

The residents are informing the Council that the chicanes have made Pole Lane far more dangerous than it was before the installation of the chicanes. Furthermore there was no proper consultation regarding the installation of chicanes and the residents did not agree to their installation.

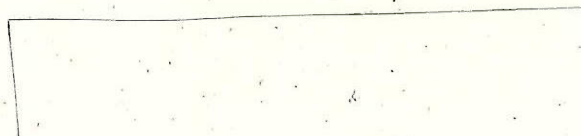
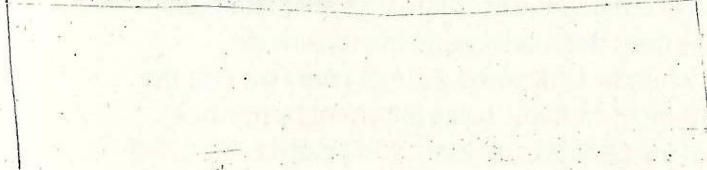
The Network Manager who was employed at the time misrepresented the statistics and made out 74% of people agreed to chicanes, which they definitely did not, they agreed to traffic calming measures and objected to chicanes because we foresaw the dangers and we have been proven right.

As stated on the petition residents want a proper consultation and a meeting with the Council to highlight the problems and discuss alternative traffic calming measures which are acceptable to the residents.

The residents live on Pole Lane 24hrs a day 365 days a year so we are far more aware and better informed than anyone else including the Council. I have submitted lists previously of the dangers to residents, pedestrians, and drivers caused by the chicanes and I can add more to that list.

Also enclosed are emails from a few residents stating why they want the chicanes removed and many others want to express their opinion. I have requested to attend the Council Committee meeting which is discussing this matter and I am awaiting a reply. Many of the 167 residents who have signed the petition are asking when we are going to have a meeting with the Council which they have requested.

Yours sincerely
Eileen Hall
Representative for
Residents of Pole Lane.



PETITION TO BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN COUNCIL HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

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