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Dear ms Miller

Bus route through Chaucer Estate

I am concerned about the proposal to allow a regular bus service through Chaucer Estate and Clerment Avenue.

1. There are never more than 3 people waiting at the present bus stop on the corner of Chaucer Road and Melford Road, the other stops seem to have rarer usage except for the. Students waiting to go to Bury St Edmunds or Stour Valley educational establishments.
2. It appears that there are already moves afoot to re-route the double decker bus which travels to and from Bury St Edmunds through this route. The provided bus route is exceedingly narrow and domestic dwellings along side it would lose their privacy, suffer from half hourly vibration as the bus would pass within the width of a path from these buildings.
3. In this day and age people are becoming so computer literate that by the time the present residents need this facility they are more likely to use the Internet shopping system than go to the local supermarket.
4. The junction into Melford Road from Chaucer is still unsuitable for a regular bus to be turning into. Even having had the crossing reprinted within the last two months we have people ignoring vehicles entering the main road, the entrance to the junction has a steep incline which makes it impossible in icy conditions.
5. The gradient coming from the Sudbury Bypass and along Clerment Avenue is incredibly steep and dangerous in winter conditions when the residents are unable to negotiate the hill in any direction. In severe winter weather it is not unusual for residents of Clerment to park along Chaucer Road.
6. When plans were made for the Church development between Chaucer and the Bypass the residents were assured that the estate would have an automatic bollard at the emergency link road. We have been misled about this because the monstrosity which has been constructed will not prevent vehicles passing through particularly the racers and show offs at the weekend. It is no use saying that they are prohibited because we do not have sufficient police patrolling the area to catch these offenders.

27 years ago when we bought our home on the Chaucer Estate we did not expect a quiet residential area to be exposed to a regular heavy vehicle route, putting lives of children and pets at risk. 40 years ago Sudbury had a very limited bus service and we managed to live in a very comfortable way.

Yours truly

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