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We have been residents in Bloxham now for 26 years having previously lived on the main A361 Banbury Road in Bloxham.

In 2013, after almost 20 years of living on the A361, we made the decision to move as a direct result of the increased traffic going through the village right past our front door. Actually getting out of our drive was sometimes near on impossible and very dangerous. Pollution and noise from traffic was so disgusting that we nearly always had to have our windows closed day and night.

In the last few years there have been numerous major developments around the village which has made the situation far worse than we could ever have imagined possible.

In 2015 it was reported by the Banbury Guardian that the A361 was in fact one of the 10 most dangerous A roads in the country, this one being number 8! We have below pasted a copy of the report for your information.

We have two daughters, one at the Sixth Form Centre at The Warriner Secondary School and one at the Bloxham Primary School.

The Primary School is already running, I believe, at full capacity. Our daughters class has 34 children in it. I cannot possibly imagine where children are going to have to travel to to go to school. I believe that all villages neighbouring Bloxham are also at full capacity levels. Indeed we met one mother going back a while ago who had moved to the village expecting her daughter to attend the Primary School, only to find that when the move took place, after initial problems, there were no vacancies now at the school. She had no other option then but to travel outside the village each day.

Getting to the Warriner School when you live at the other end of the village is terrible. The school opens at 8.30 in the morning but you can encounter traffic jams that run from the point of entry into the village (from Chipping Norton) all the way to the school at the other end of the village. The pollution from these cars, lorries and buses, on tick over must have reached a very dangerous level indeed.

If you choose to walk this route, paths close to the village museum and church are very, very, narrow and very dangerous. As adults walking along here you have to be extremely cautious let alone young children, as traffic is so close to you.

The actual getting to the schools is already a major concern to all involved.

The amount of traffic that you encounter on a daily basis is becoming more and more dangerous. The mini roundabout on the A361 in Bloxham is extremely dangerous at all times of day but at certain times the danger levels increase. I believe that this has been looked into by the Highway Department but they cannot do anything to improve the situation.

Roads around the Primary school are almost impossible to use with parked cars everywhere. The dangers to young children and parents/carers are evident for all to see.

We cannot believe how building another large Estate, after Bloxham has already met and exceeded the amount of houses that were proposed on the Cherwell Plan, can be beneficial to anyone, least of all people who they hope to attract in buying such new build property.

There are now numerous houses up for sale in the village, many of which are new builds that remain unsold from previous developments.

We cannot believe that this proposal has ever got to this stage and we strongly object to the proposal by Gladman Development of over another 95 houses that will only add to the daily problems that all residence already face and experience on a daily basis in this village!!

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School open evening: what to look for

One of South Warwickshire's leading schools, Kineton High School, is preparing to welcome parents to its school open evening.

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Details of the soaring number of fatal and serious (FS) accidents on the 21km stretch of road between Chipping Norton and Banbury are listed in the Road Safety Foundation's new report.

It shows a 50 per cent increase in FS collisions between 2008-10 and 2011-2013.

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Of the latest figures for 2011-13, 17 per cent of the crashes involved motorcycles, 46 per cent involved pedestrians or cyclists, 21 per cent were cars running off the road and eight per cent were head-on collisions.

Geoff Mollard, chairman of Bloxham Parish Council said: "There are constantly serious accidents at the Wykham Lane junction with the A361. We've raised it so many times with Oxfordshire County Council only to be told there isn't a problem.

"There have been accidents at the mini roundabout at the Barford Road junction and collisions at the shops and near Warriner School.

"We are very upset that Oxfordshire County Council is not going to carry out a planned survey into HGVs and traffic on the A361 – because they don't have the money to do any work the survey may find necessary.