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Subject: Kingsthorpe Village rat run

Dear Councillors

The October meeting of Kingsthorpe Parish Council councillors raised the issue of the rat run in Kingsthorpe Village along The High Street and Kingswell Road.

Kingswell Road is part of the Norbital cycle route, yet due to the volume of traffic going both ways along this street, it is far from safe for cycling. The speed with which cars round the bend from the High Street into Kingswell Road also presents a hazard for pedestrians crossing the road as many children who attend Kingsthorpe Village Primary School do each day.

The High Street is a narrow street of terraced housing. Cars use the pavement on both sides for parking. This forces pedestrians, particularly those with push chairs or prams, as well as mobility scooters to use the road where they compete with a high volume of traffic going both ways.

Previous schemes to tackle the problem have proposed making The High Street one way. However, this could potentially increase speeding, as cars would be unimpeded by traffic coming the other way. A potential solution, which would be simple and cost effective, might be to put planters across the road to separate Kingswell Road from the High Street, together with signs at the top of the High Street and Kingswell Road informing drivers of access to village only.

I hope the Parish Council will pursue this or any other suggested scheme to end the rat run that has blighted Kingsthorpe Village for too long.

Yours sincerely

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