Save Jealott's Hill Newsletter

20th January 2020

Countdown to Friday: ITS ALL ABOUT THE TRAFFIC!

If you were caught up in the traffic jams between here and almost anywhere north of Bracknell this morning then you will know where I am coming from.

The traffic on a average day on the B3095 and the A330 heading towards Holyport and the Braywick Roundabout in the morning or home again in the evening is pretty bad. its stop start with queues at all the roundabouts and most of the junctions and, if you have been driving this way over the past 5 or so years you know it is getting a bit worse every year. Next year (MAYBE!) we will have Crossrail running through Maidenhead along with the regular rail service so we can expect it to get worse. So I we thought maybe we should look at the forecast produced in a BFC Traffic Analysis Report produced for them and Syngentain 2017/2018.

We know that the junction at Hawthorn Hill where the A330 and the B3095 is always a struggle and in the mornings it is not unusual today to have the traffic backed up to between that junction and Moss End Village. Beyond that we all know that the Drift Road Roundabout is a problem and after that the turn right towards Oakley and Fifield at Holyport College. So what happens when Jealott's Hill comes on stream? Well the forecasts are pretty frightening.

- 1. Overall this report forecasts up to 14,500 ADDITIONAL vehicle movements EVERY DAY in this area.
- 2. Looking into this we will see both car and van movements but, over a 20 year period, construction traffic associated with this long term building plan and roadworks disruption associated with installation of traffic lights on junctions and "improvements" to roundabouts to allow them to handle the increased traffic must be added.
- 3. We will see increased volume of heavy truck delivery vehicles of up to 40 feet long and we know this because the analysis clearly identifies roundabouts which need to be built so as to accommodate their turning circle.
- 4. We can see forecasts of HUNDREDS or vehicles queuing at Drift Road Roundabout and at the B3095/A330 junction.
- 5. The report forecasts that we could be looking at queuing times like 40 minutes at any of these points depending on where you are coming from at peak times.

This could easily make this morning's experience a standard start and end to your working day.

IS THIS HOW YOU WANT TO SPEND YOUR TIME?

Remember, the build out timeline for Jealott's Hill will be close to 20 years at least and during this time it could just get worse and worse and the remediation works could get delayed.

If you live in Holyport and Braywick area you will get exactly the same increase in traffic volumes through your area and you have no voice in fighting this unless you get your councillors and MP involved so come along and join us and have your voice heard.

Friday 24th 7:30pm at the Woodhurst C of E School on Sopwith Road Warfield RG42 6BR.

Remember to Register in advance with CPRE at the contact points below:

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