

Neill Young - Statement to cabinet / council on issues on Junction Road and environs

Brief Intro:

I live on Junction Rd and represent MOCA (Moorland and Oldfield Clean Air)

Safety issues:

Junction Road is a busy, narrow residential street in Oldfield Park that is classified as the B3111. As such, it attracts a high volume of traffic cutting through Bath from South to West. It is also home to the Heart of Bath surgery with 30,000 registered patients as well as Norland College and Oldfield Road nursery is located nearby. Being narrow with several sharp corners, Junction Road is unsuitable for the volume of traffic using it which includes very large articulated HGVs. Traffic regularly has to mount the pavement to pass other vehicles. This creates safety issues for residents whether walking or driving and has resulted in a large number of altercations with increasingly aggressive driving.

Parking issues:

Junction Road is also the first road outside of established RPZs, and it just outside the new Bear Flat RPZ. Therefore there is a very high volume of commuter parking, with parking for residents very scarce. Circling traffic looking for parking exacerbates safety issues, with dangerous parking commonplace. Roads inside the nearby RPZs, including Upper Oldfield Park and Bloomfield Avenue are under utilised, with many empty parking spaces. Houses on both these streets have private driveways meaning a resident parking is not widely used.

Residents of Junction Road and the environs would like to see:

- ** Declassification of the B3111 to reduce traffic volumes
- ** Measures to prevent driving on pavements
- ** Weight limit introduced to prevent large HGV's cutting through
- ** Residents Parking Zone introduced to stop commuter parking or restrictions on nearby zones lifted.