



LEICESTERSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

DATE: 7 May, 1999
MY REF: [REDACTED]
YOUR REF: [REDACTED]
PLEASE REPLY TO/ [REDACTED]
ASK FOR: [REDACTED]
DIRECT DIALLING: [REDACTED]
DIRECT FAX: [REDACTED]
E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

RATCLIFFE GARAGE – A46 FOSSE WAY - RATCLIFFE

I write further to our telephone conversation of 7/5/99 regarding the above.

As discussed, a member of the public telephoned me to complain that they had experienced parked vehicles causing obstruction within the carriageway adjacent to the garage on the south bound slip road onto the A46. They felt this was extremely dangerous. The issue of vehicles parked up on the verge and parts of vehicles scattering the verge was also discussed.

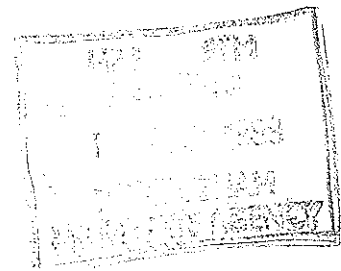
I enclose a recent plan which shows the current O/S detail in the vicinity of the site and details of the old highway boundary superimposed. When matching the two together I am confident that this gives an accurate account of the Highway boundary location.

As discussed, the next course of action may be for you to discuss the situation with Charnwood Borough Councils planning office to seek their views to whether or not there are any planning related enforcement issues and to approach the Chief Constable for his comments on the site with regard to obstruction being caused within the Highway and vehicles parked within the Highway with no road tax.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]
Highways Agency
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Broad Street,
Birmingham,
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[REDACTED]

DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING & TECHNICAL SERVICES

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

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Broad Street
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B15 1BL

Please Contact: [REDACTED]

Direct Line: [REDACTED]

Our ref.: [REDACTED]

Your ref.:

Date: 11 February 2000

Dear Sir,

VERGE PARKING AT RATCLIFFE GARAGE, A46 RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE.

I refer to the above and specifically to your copy letter dated 5 February 1999 to Mr Hickling, the owner of the garage

Some time has now lapsed and I note that the situation at Ratcliffe Garage has not improved and I am still receiving complaints I would, therefore, be grateful if you would advise me of the up to date position here and whether, or not, you are able to take action to get the vehicles removed from within the highway..

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date: 14 June 2000 10:39am

Subject: A46 Ratcliffe Crossroads - Parking in highway adj.
Garage

[REDACTED]
One of our County Councillors has been asking questions about the parking of cars in the highway adjacent to the garage, and wants to know what we are doing about it. It would appear that the owner of the garage is now stacking cars in metal frames on the highway verge. Obviously it is a Highways Agency matter, and I know that you have been involved in dealing with this in the past. Could you let me know what the latest position is regarding action being taken by the Highways Agency?

Thanks
[REDACTED]

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Chamwood BC
 Planning & Technical Services
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12 SEP 2001

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11 September 2001

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Dear Sir

Ratcliffe Mill, Ratcliffe on the Wreake

I am concerned at the number of vehicles that are being parked on the slip road of the access to the A46 southbound at the Ratcliffe on the Wreake junction.

For a year or two there has been an increased number of vehicles being put on to the site, more recently they have been stacked vertically and over the last few weeks these have now encroached along the length of the slip road

They have reached the point where they now block the road sign and it is my opinion that apart from the unsightliness these are now becoming hazardous

Can you please confirm the position with regard to this in that is the encroachment along the highway permissible, and if not, what can be done to resolve this matter

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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Your ref
Our ref [REDACTED]
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Date 19th September 2001



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Dear Sirs

A46 RATCLIFFE SLIP-ROAD

I wish to draw your attention to a worsening situation on the southbound entry slip-road at Ratcliffe on Soar.

There has been a problem here for a long time with vehicles belonging to Ratcliffe Light Commercials being parked on the verge close to the kerb. This is now clearly getting worse and I have recently received complaints from Leicestershire County Council and members of the public. In particular, the give way sign has been obscured.

I seem to recall that this problem goes back to the time when the road was built. The CPO was incorrectly drawn up so that the highway finished at the kerb rather than the hedge line. There has been an uneasy truce with the garage owner since then as it has been difficult legally to force him to remove his vehicles.

I enclose for your information, photographs of vans parked (permanently) on the verge.

Please let me know what action (if any) you wish me to take.



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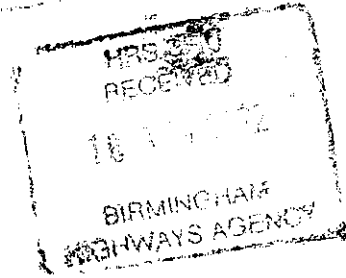
The Rt. Hon. Stephen Dorrell, M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

26th July, 2002

Mr. B. Jamieson,
Acting Director of Planning & Transportation,
Leicestershire County Council,
County Hall,
Glenfield,
Leicester, LE3 8RJ



Dear Mr Jamieson

I have received the enclosed copy of a letter addressed anonymously to 'The Senior Director' at Charnwood Borough Council by a lady who is very concerned about a dangerous traffic situation that is arising at Ratcliffe Garage on the A46 'at the top of the slip-road from the Sibleby-East Goscote road'.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether the lady is correct in her view about the dangers created by the parking at Ratcliffe Garage and whether the garage is within its rights to park vehicles where it does.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Dorrell

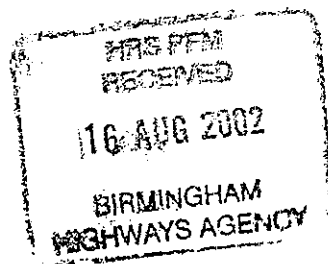
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Stephen Dorrell



The Senior Director
Borough of Charnwood Council
Southfields
Loughborough

Dear Sir,

First may I offer my sincere apologies for sending this letter anonymously; the reason is that my husband has refused to write and has forbidden me to interfere.

I write to you about the obvious dangerous location on the A46 at the top of the slip-road from the Sibley – East Goscote road, created by the Garage people, Ratcliffe Garage.

As you may already know the industrial type of vehicles park on the section of the road marked out for the traffic from the slip-road to filter onto the A46. It is nearly impossible to watch the moving vehicles from the garage on the left and the traffic hurtling down the A46 on one's right. Today they even had vehicles parked on the grass verge; well they have used the road diggings to lay over the grass, between the slip-road and the A46. So in actual fact as we drove up the slip-road there were vehicles parked on both sides of the slip-road. The vehicles on the right, between the slip-road and the A46 were leaning over towards the slip-road because it is really a bank at an angle.

When Beaufort Beatty were carrying out the repairs for the A46, my husband was told by my son that the Garage people had asked for the tarmac rubble to be tipped on the grass verges either end of the garages. They have now started to level this out on the verges; my husband has said that it was for hard standing for the vehicles, probably the next area to be concreted. The parking after they have gone home is always over halfway down the slip-road and quite a distance on the verges the other end of the garages.
How long before someone is killed there or at least a bad accident.

May I suggest that you arrange for someone to visit the area after they have closed about seven in the evening, you can see for yourselves what a nightmare it is. They have even parked vehicles in front of the road sign, thereby blocking any driver's view.

My parents knew the original owners and we could see the limits of the property, but now it is like 'Quatermass', they start by parking on an area then they fill it with bricks and rubble, then one day it is concreted and people think it is Garage land then.

Please Sir, we are elderly people and friends of ours have stopped using that section of the public highway and go to Syston or Town through East Goscote, the Melton Road. Barton Buses have stopped using the slip road and go straight down the A46. How long

before the general public stop using the slip-road for their own safety and it falls into permanent use by the Garage people.

Again I ask please, arrange for the safety Officers together with the road Designers and those who understand traffic visit the area, first after they have closed and then try to drive past during the busy time of the day. This, I am sure will give you a better understanding of the situation.

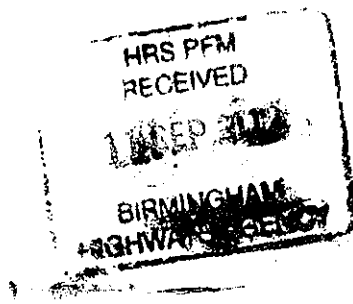
Please, please, please act now – I hope that I will not have to write to you in the future explaining that one of my family, or anyone has been injured or even killed at that location.

Sincerely

PS I will send a copy of this letter to:-

1. The Chief Constable
2. The MP for the area

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Date: 10 September 2002
My ref: [REDACTED]
Your ref: [REDACTED]
Contact: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

A46, RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE – PARKING PROBLEMS AT GARAGE

I write with reference to your recent letter dated 20 May 2002 notifying the then Director of Planning and Transportation about the adoption of a centre of excellence approach in its handling of planning consultations.

In this respect I wish to bring to your attention dangers arising from the operation of the Ratcliffe Light Commercials and SH Autos on the southbound slip road onto the A46 at Ratcliffe on the Wreake.

For some years now complaints and concerns have been received about the operators on those premises. Route Managers for the A46 [REDACTED] have investigated these issues in the recent past. Your previous agent PlaN wrote to the Highway Agency (HA) in January 2002. Charnwood Borough Council's Solicitor has recently written to HA, and its Planning Officers are actively dealing with activities taking place on the site. The Police are aware of the situation and have paid attention to traffic problems, and will continue to give attention commensurate with their other duties.

Notwithstanding this action, problems remain and the local County Council Member continues to receive complaints. There remains considerable local concern about the situation and I can vouch that at site meetings in the Ratcliffe areas about issues on county roads, the operations at the "garage" are invariably raised.

Observations show that vehicles are parked/stored on the verge and some are so close to the edge of the carriageway that their wheels are on the kerb. It is also reported that vehicles, whose drivers are visiting the "garage", are parked on the carriageway in contravention to the Clearway Order

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08 December 2003

Highways Section
 Charnwood Borough Council
 Southfields
 Loughborough
 Leicestershire

Dear Sir

On the grounds of motoring safety, I wish to complain about the light commercial and private vehicles, which blatantly obstruct the slip road to the A46 Leicester/Newark Road at its junction with the turning to and from East Goscote/Sileby.

At the head of this slip road are two sales/repair facilities for private and light vehicles. The land on which many are parked causing totally unnecessary obstruction is I believe part of the highway under the Road Traffic Act. The road, which I understand is from hedge to hedge and not just the tarmac part of the road forms part of the highway. These vehicles are a danger to all.

I look forward to receiving your response to my complaint and the action that you may be taking.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & WASTE MANAGEMENT

DIRECTOR

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Copy to: Highways Agency

[Redacted]

2 January 2004
[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE – A46 TRUNK ROAD SLIP ROAD

I refer to your letter dated 8 December 2003, to Charnwood Borough Council, which has been passed to the County Council.

The A46 Trunk Road and its associated slip roads, including the southbound on-slip in question, are the responsibility of the Highways Agency of the Department of Transport. The highway boundary of the slip road and trunk road, along the frontage of the garage property, runs along the back of the kerb line and not along the hedge line. The situation that you describe in your letter, whereby the highway boundary runs from hedge to hedge, is the normal situation that would apply in the great majority of situations, but at the garage at Ratcliffe, for some reason, about 40 years ago, the boundary was confirmed as the kerb-line.

There have been other complaints about the operations of the garage proprietors. Meetings have taken place with Highways Agency staff and the garage owner, which have failed to resolve the situation.

I will pass a copy of this correspondence to the Highways Agency so that they are aware of your additional concerns.

I regret that I am unable to take any further action.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted]

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- 8 JAN 2004
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resident of greedon rise Sibley
Loughborough, Leicestershire
Monday, 01 March, 2004
To whoever this may concern,

We have complained numerous time about the bad parking that takes place on greedon rise. We have complained about the person or persons who park so no one can see traffic coming up or down the hill depending on the way you are travelling. Today there has been a crash I do not know the outcome yet but it is obvious that this van and cars parked illegal are to blame. I have had to make emergency stops on many occasions due to these people who park on the footpath, and half on the road on this very bad left hand bend. I now think it is time that the traffic department did there job properly and stopped this practice before someone gets killed on **greedon rise Sibley**. We have also complained about the parking of cars Etc from the turning off ratcliffe road Sibley onto the **main A 46** towards leicester. I have been forced onto the moving traffic, as the person who owns the garage has parked his cars vans or lorries in such a way that before you can actually see the traffic on the A 46, you have to join the main road. I am sure that this is also illegal as this is a lane where traffic is supposed to accelerate to the speed of the oncoming traffic and join it without hindrence. But many of times this is not possible and we find ourselves joining traffic coming at **@70MPH AND WE ARE ONLY DOING 20MPH**. This is because we have had to stop or slow down so much in the accellerator lane due to this mans parking. **PLEASE GET THESE MAJOR PROBLEMS SORTED BEFORE SOMEONE GETS KILLED, DO NOT IGNORE THIS LETTER AS I AM KEEPING A RECORD OF THIS AND SENDING A COPY TO OUR LOCAL PAPERS THANK YOU A VERY UPSET AND ANGRY RESIDENT OF GREEDON RISE SIBLEY.**

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Pass copy to Police about
parking on Greedon Rise.
Also show road issue is with H/A!

RE A46 - Radcliffe on the wreake - SB off slip.txt

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2006 13:25
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: A46 - Radcliffe on the wreake - SB off slip

[REDACTED]
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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2006 13:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: A46 - Radcliffe on the wreake - SB off slip

[REDACTED] of the soon to be ROW Parish Council, rang AMScott today regarding the Garage on the S/B slip on. He wishes to bring to our attention the fact that has noticed vehicles parking on the Splitter island (part of trunk road highway) between A46 and slip onto A46. He is aware that this issue has been ongoing for a number of years. He has recently received numerous complaints from other local Parish Councils. [REDACTED] is raising the issue with Charnwood BC and is also aware that the owner of land behind the garage may consider selling some of his land. [REDACTED] is also of the opinion that there are many more vans, etc because the owner has signs stating that it is a scrap business as well. [REDACTED] has a copy of the minutes of our meeting with one of the garage owners.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AMScott, Network Headquarters, The Willows,
Ransom Wood Business Park, Southwell Road, Mansfield, Nottingham, NG21 0HJ
Tel: [REDACTED]
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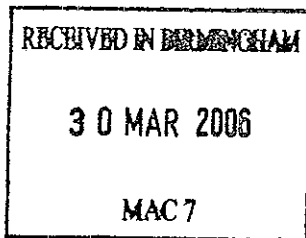
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Ratcliffe on the Wreake
Leicestershire
28th March 2006

[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

We spoke on the phone the other week regarding the slip road that goes onto the A46 at Ratcliffe on the Wreake. At the village hall meetings the residents have been concerned for some time that the cars parked on the slip road and also on the central island, shown on the pictures will cause an accident. When they park on this area it blocks the view of the oncoming traffic.

Although the garage has been there for many years they seem to sell scrap cars these days rather than just being a garage.

The garage is the: Ratcliffe Light Commercials, 322 Fosse Way, A46, Leicester LE7 4SH

At the last village meeting our Chairman [REDACTED] said that he had tried on numerous occasions to get the police involved but they still continue to park their vans on the slip road.

We would really like you to put **Posts in every two metre** on the grass verge to stop them parking their vans, and a **Double yellow line** on the slip road.

They have customers stopping and parking on the slip road to view the vans that they have up for sale at the garage and this makes it difficult to get onto the A46.

Until now we didn't know where their boundaries came too, but we now have copies from the land registry that show them clearly

We would appreciate your help and look forward to hearing from you, please contact our Chairman [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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29th June 2006

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Highways Agency
Broadway
Broad Street
Birmingham B15 1BL

Dear [REDACTED]

Following our meeting at Mountsorrel's highways depot, on the subject of the garage at Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, this matter has subsequently been discussed at a Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake Parish Council meeting.

I confirm that there is mounting concern over the parking of vehicles on the slip road on the adjacent carriageway.

Since the installation of the chippings on your grass verge between the garage and the end of the slip road into Ratcliffe, there are now a large number of vehicles parked on this extension to the area used by the garage. We believe that these garage vehicles, together with the apparently random parking from customers, will eventually cause a major accident.

I am now receiving an increasing number of complaints, not just from within the village but from neighbouring villages. I would be very grateful if you could advise us of the results of your meeting with the garage owners, together with a note of any subsequent action you propose to take.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Director of Highways & Transportation
Leicestershire County Council
County Hall
Glenfield
Leicester
LE3 8RJ

Our Ref: PERK01002

[Redacted]

01 November 2006

Dear [Redacted]

Please find attached a letter from my constituent, [Redacted] together with photographs and associated notes, regarding Road Safety Hazards at the A46 Junction with Ratcliffe Road / Broome Lane at Cossington

I hesitate to add to your already extensive workload, but there does appear to be a safety hazard here to which I, and the Highway Authority, need to respond.

I would be grateful for an investigation of the situation and a reply that I can pass back to [Redacted] indicating what can be done

I thank you in anticipation of your early reply.

Yours Sincerely

ANDY REED MP
Member of Parliament for Loughborough

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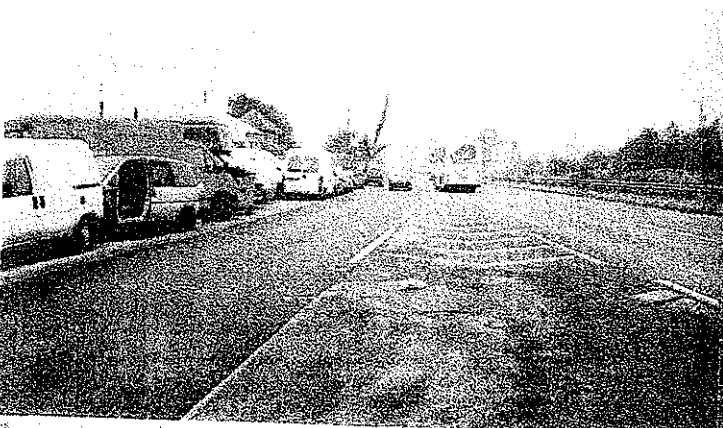
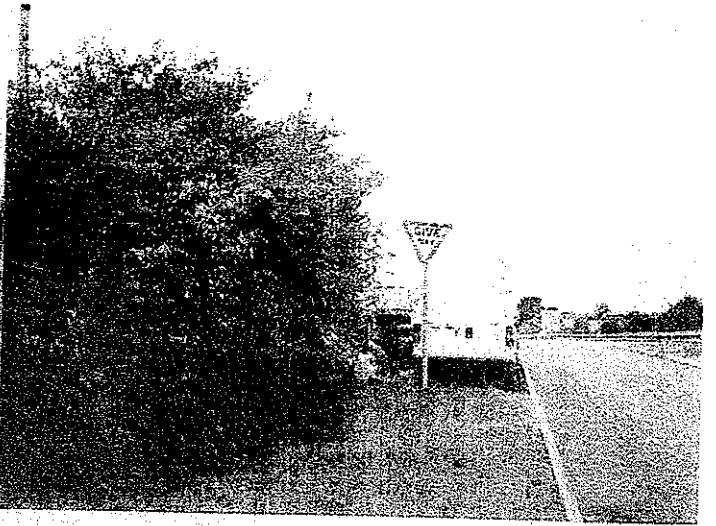
26th OCT 2006

Dear [redacted]

Please see photos relating to access to
 at Cotcliffe in Rooms here let at Coarnton
 to the A46 direction to Leicester one
 often has vehicles in-lanes parked on
 verge obscuring give way sign. I
 believe the only way to make it safe is
 for bollards to be erected one may find
 a lorry coming in the wrong direction to
 get on the verge & in case today a
 lorry lorry facing must have come wrong
 direction. Yellow lines are needed to
 stop parking in front of building usually
 customers preventing a safe speed
 a gradual entry to join the flow of
 traffic. A lane over the traffic with numerous
 bollards are being committed to any way
 that is possible. I am sure you will
 understand the need for this.

Yours faithfully
 [redacted]

[redacted]



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 November 2007 10:34
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: A46, Ratcliffe On the Wreake, Leicestershire
Follow Up Flag: [REDACTED]
Flag Status: [REDACTED]

Further to the previous correspondence as attached, (No response received from yourselves) I have e-mailed AMScott again as follows.

I have again travelled this section of road with the same problems. Vehicles parked along the grass verge of the slip road, two men working on those vehicles stepping out into the carriageway, and, to cap it all, half way up the slip road I was met by a Transit van reversing down the slip road with the driver waving me to pass him by driving directly onto the main dual carriageway into the path of an oncoming articulated lorry. Not having the benefit of a proper rear view and the necessary acceleration distance to join a major trunk road, I stopped behind the Transit van just as the Artic passed at 55mph!

Please could you advise what, if anything, is being done about this dangerous abuse of the public highway?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
 ----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: Highways Agency
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 8:20 PM
Subject: A46, Ratcliffe On the Wreake, Leicestershire

This relates to the slip road leading from Broome Lane, Ratcliffe On the Wreake, Leicestershire, onto the southbound carriageway of the A46. I am assuming that the slip road is part of the A46 trunk road rather than a 'local' road.

Today, I travelled from Ratcliffe, turning left onto the slip road to take the A46 southbound towards Leicester.

The whole length of the nearside grass verge of the slip road is occupied by commercial vehicles. The 'Give Way' sign prior to joining the main A46 is almost totally obscured by these parked vehicles.

The parked vehicles continue along the slip road, and even protrude onto the carriageway. Today, two people were walking on the slip road, inspecting the vehicles, (which are presumably for sale), and nearer the end of the slip road, a male person was working on one of the vehicles, offside wheels on the slip road, with the driver's door open into the slip road. This caused me to enter the main A46 prior to the end of the slip road, and with a very restricted view of traffic on the A46. Extremely dangerous.

The vehicles concerned appear to belong to Ratcliffe Light Commercials, a company which owns premises adjacent to this junction.

Please can you take some action to remove this dangerous abuse of the highway.

I have copied this e-mail to The Highway Manager, Northern District, Charnwood, Leicestershire, for his attention, should this be a local matter.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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