

Hi Martin

I understand there is to be a Parish Council meeting in July and wonder if this matter might be considered?

Some Edge residents will be aware of the proposal to develop land at Whaddon to provide an additional two to three thousand dwellings and an industrial/trading estate just behind Whaddon Garage. The land between Grange Road and Naas Lane will be covered in houses and this development will tie in with the already considerable development at Quedgeley.

This proposal may explain the introduction of roundabouts near Fagins on the A4173 (and a new water main), designed it seems to divert traffic away from and around Gloucester, which is already responsible for increased traffic along the main road in Edge and down Edge Lane. Part of that traffic at present goes towards Sneedhams Green but there is to be a housing development there too so more traffic will be pushed out towards Edge.

The road repairs in Edge Lane are preparation for a surface dressing which will make it easier for Edge Lane to become a "rat run" for commuters and commercial vehicles anxious to avoid traffic around Gloucester. Severnleaze Lane is already suffering the same fate and the Eastern Avenue in Gloucester which was intended to move traffic away from the centre is of course already considerably congested. Although Edge Lane is signed as a single track road many commercial vehicles who have difficulty reversing still use it and expect cars to reverse out of the way to give them priority. It seems to me that this can only get worse with increased traffic volumes.

Might it be sensible to consider a one way system in these small lanes whereby traffic to Painswick is directed down Jenkins Lane say and from Painswick to Edge down Edge Road/Lane or perhaps even better to direct Painswick traffic along the main road to Pitchcombe (where we are told there is to be a new and improved junction with the A46) ? Since the route will then be A class road all the way it will allow traffic to flow in both directions simultaneously.

No doubt the Parish Council will want to sound out local opinion before taking the matter up with Stroud District Council. The Developments at Quedgeley, Whaddon and Sneedhams Green do of course come under the jurisdiction of Gloucester City Council but the effects are already being felt in the Stroud District area so surely Stroud District residents should have a say?