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Dear Stroud

For the last two years my family and I (2 young children) have been living as a single car family in order to reduce our impact on the environment. Mostly we walk the children to school and I cycle to Stonehouse station to catch the train to my workplace in Cheltenham.

Sadly I have had, after 2 years, to stop cycling and buy another car due to the high levels of traffic which have increasingly put me in danger and have, twice, resulted in minor accidents.

With the flow of traffic in the morning (I leave at 6.45) and evening (return 6.10) being so high, drivers are, understandably, impatient but also not happy to share space on the roads; the cyclepaths on the south side of the Stroud road are poorly lit and not very quickly accessible without taking on the main roundabout or standing and waiting to cross.

I have been frustrated at having to make this decision but it feels necessary for my safety.

My second point however is a result of this decision. The lack of parking in and around the Stonehouse station, and the traffic on the way in, means I now drive to Cheltenham, an added journey which seems unnecessary if the infrastructure were more understanding of those doing their best to travel sustainably.

I do hope we see more activity in this area, sooner rather than later, and you do not rely on empty promises from developers.

Regards

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