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With reference to the above plan and, in particular, the proposed housing development at the bottom of Old Hackney Lane:

Old Hackney Lane has now become a "rat run" for cars and lorries trying to avoid Matlock town centre. As a frequent pedestrian I have seen the volume of traffic increase significantly over the years to the extent that at times it is dangerous to walk along the pavement in parts. This is due to the narrowness of the pavements and the road itself, a particularly bad spot being at the narrow S bend with blind bends where the pavement narrows to the point that car wing mirrors can hit you if you do not take extreme care. Vehicles also frequently mount the pavement as there is not enough room for two cars to pass. On the straight stretch between the A6 and the S bend where the site of the new development is there is a high incidence of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit as cars, vans and lorries leave the A6 at 40mph or more and accelerate up the short gradient and along the straight. This causes another danger area at the exit/entry road into the Darley House Estate with its 70+ houses. Any car leaving the estate has seconds to enter Old Hackney Lane before vehicles are on them.

The proposed housing development for 57 new homes near the bottom of Old Hackney Lane, with its attendant likely increase of 120 cars or more, can only exacerbate an existing unacceptable situation. As a clear example of the problem a mother could not walk with a child beside her as the pavement is too narrow. And there will be a significant number of school children walking to the school at the top of Old Hackney Lane.

Therefore there is an urgent need to both alleviate the current traffic situation by discouraging the use of Old Hackney Lane as a through road by traffic calming means and clear speed restrictions and also to anticipate the exacerbation of the problem when 57 new houses are built.

Yours faithfully,

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