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As residents for over 25 years in Coton in the Elms and owners of riding and driving horses we are regularly exercising along the lanes to Walton, Catton, Lullington, Grangewood and Clifton Campville. We have seen an explosion in the number of horses being kept in the area amounting to about 180 horses that we know of. For example there are in the Lullington village/Grangewood area 5 livery yards with about 70 horses plus some small private yards. In the Coton/ Rosliston area there are 2 large yards plus some small private amounting to a further 90 horses. There is now no access to off road riding and driving in either Catton or Grangewood, so there are more people using the roads and lanes to exercise. We have met adults and children riding on weekdays and weekends.

We are regularly travelling round on our carriage or by car and meet many cyclists on the roads. When travelling to Lichfield we have seen a number of cycling clubs coming from Catton to Walton, Lullington, and Coton. When out we often see individuals cycling. Cyclists are using the roads weekdays, weekends and evenings. We would also like to point out that we have seen a huge amount of development in the area from Swadlincote, Tamworth, Lichfield, Burton on Trent. However there has been no changes to the road network. Access to Coton in the Elms has been mentioned via Coalpit lane which narrows to a single width before the tight left hand turn into Mill street. Not mentioned was the access to Coton from Lullington via Little Liverpool this too has single track road in places and little or no opportunity to pull off the road.

Lastly we would like you to consider that noticed the fields disappearing due to industrial sheds and HS2 and asks what are we going to do for food in the future?

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