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I wish to support the proposed side roads strategy regarding the closure of Church Lane, Lower Easton.

I live in a property [REDACTED] in Lower Easton and for the past thirty years since the opening of the Easton Roundabout have had to endure huge volumes of traffic, including heavy goods vehicles, articulated lorries etc travelling within inches of my home.

On several occasions lorries and vans have damaged my house resulting in hundreds of pounds worth of repairs.

Also HGV's have eroded my frontage, I have lost over a metre of garden on the uphill side of my house.

The lost land has been tarmacked over and is now part of an ever widening road.

Exiting my garden gate is a nightmare, drivers travel at considerable speed along [REDACTED] and hardly ever slow down to let vehicles out of my own or my veways.

It is nerve wracking now living on [REDACTED], every time I hear an HGV grinding past my house I wonder if damage [REDACTED] used.

My neighbour across the road from me lives in a grade 2 listed 16th century thatched cottage which is being undermined by the erosion on his side of the road.

The lane is so busy during the day that it is dangerous for pedestrians to try and walk up to the main village of Easton, never mind dodging the traffic while trying to cross the A47 dual carriageway.

I feel like a prisoner in my own home, unable to take a walk up my lane and enjoy the countryside I live in.

The proposed route for traffic travelling over the Ringland hills to get to the A47 is to take a right turn at the top of the hill leading down to Lower Easton, along Weston Road, and then a left turn down Taverham Road to the Blind lane interchange.

In no way will this affect the traffic using routes through Hockering, Weston Longville or Ringland.

The concerns of the representatives of Hockering and Weston Longville parishes re the closing off of [REDACTED] and Church Lane at Lower Easton are entirely without foundation.

In addition to the above, taxpayers money will be saved by using existing roads rather than building a new side road alongside the A47.

Weston Road has no properties along it's length and Taverham Road has only two properties set well back from the road near the Blind Lane junction.

Currently Weston Road and Taverham Road have virtually no traffic flowing along them whatsoever.

I live in hope that common-sense will prevail and [REDACTED] will be closed to through traffic as planned.