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I live at [REDACTED] and drive on the roads within Culcheth and on those which lead from the Village. However, I no longer drive regularly during the two main periods of commuting but have been exposed to the difficulties created by the very heavy traffic which passes through Culcheth on a daily basis.

During the two main weekday periods of commuting traffic, Culcheth is often heavily congested especially if traffic has been increased by events on the motorways which surround Warrington. On three different occasions in the last few years I have found it only possible to drive to Bolton for important appointments in the late afternoon by travelling from Culcheth to Glazebrook and then through Irlam to the M60 in order to use St. Peter's Way to Bolton. This was because the traffic on both roads leading South, together with the roads leading both North and West from Culcheth was virtually stationary. Fortunately the road to the South East from Culcheth, Holcroft Lane, is not so heavily used as the other routes. These hold ups were caused by closures of one or more motorways, such events are becoming more commonplace. More regular and predictable is the tail back of traffic from the East Lancashire Road which usually reaches to the South of Glazebury and the hold up at Lane Head which often extends to Birchalls Farm. It is feared that any additional increase in traffic, or the installation of further roundabouts or junctions, would clearly make the difficulties described above even worse. The proposal, by the HS2 authority, to permanently close Wigshaw Lane, one of the two roads leading to the South from Culcheth, would divert even more traffic onto Warrington Road by creating two more T- junctions on an already over loaded road.

Concerning the proposed housing site at the junction of Warrington Road and Holcroft Lane in Culcheth, access to it should be considered. Already positioned at the junction of these two roads is a mini roundabout and the main entrance to Culcheth High School. Both of these features are heavily congested at the two main periods of dense commuting traffic. It is not clear where the access points to the new housing should be located as if, for example, it were placed South of the existing mini roundabout then it would introduce another obstacle on Warrington Road. Alternatively, if the access point were located on Holcroft Lane then traffic proceeding to Warrington Road would add to the congestion at the mini roundabout. Access to the new housing could, of course, be diverted to the South but this would increase the traffic on the residential roads near the Parish Church in addition to Warrington Road.

It is clearly the case that, like many residential areas, Culcheth suffers from too much traffic and it is therefore suggested that the effects of the position of the access points to and from the new housing site be considered carefully in order to minimise the effects of the unavoidable increase in traffic from these new residences.

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