

# now to make our lanes safer'

have other priorities, or because they don't think rules are there to be challenged, or because challenging the might of the Department of Transport is just too daunting.

I suggest we give heart to all those elected people who know that road safety must have a higher priority and that the people who make and manage roads policy need to change their thinking.

Roads are not just about speed and movement and economic benefit. They are also about quality of life, about minimal visual intrusion, about reduced noise, about safe and pleasant places for the people who live in a locality, and nobody knows more about the roads in their locality than the people who live there.

Roads are a central part of the environmental debate. Lower speeds mean lower levels of emissions. Lower speeds mean using less petrol and diesel. Lower speeds means healthier communities because polluting emissions are cut, accidents are reduced and the health service is less burdened. Lower speeds mean less noise and more pleasant places to live, work and enjoy.

So, reducing the speed limits on Hollow Lane and Merton Lane would not only be good for the people who live here, but



HAVE YOUR SAY...

You can contact MP Julian Brazier at:

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If you have views on this or any other issues you would like to share with readers of Hilltop News, please contact the Editor

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good to for the health and economy of the UK, and the health and economy of the world.

If you agree with me, please write to our MP, Julian Brazier, and to Keith Ferrin, County councillor and cabinet member for Environment, Highways and Waste, to ask KCC to reduce the speeds on our lanes now. Let's keep up the pressure.

**'If you want to walk, run, cycle, ride your horse or drive your car in safety along these lanes you're going to have to wait until KCC gets round to us... why should we wait?'**

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