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# ORKNEY CLOSE

## BBAG COMMUNITY IMPACT GUIDE

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## EXISTING

Orkney Close is a curving residential street with most properties having driveways but where some on-street parking occurs. It already acts as a short cut for vehicles to avoid peak time queue congestion along The Raywoods and Heath End Road but at other times traffic flows are lower. There is no traffic calming but it is a popular family estate while there is also sheltered accommodation for the elderly and the street forms part of a popular walking and cycling route to the town centre.

## FUTURE?

**Orkney Close will form a parallel route to Nuneaton's Western Bypass created by the opening of Bermuda Bridge to traffic.** The proposed traffic lights at the Heath End Road junction will create significant queues on the Raywoods. Many regular commuters will decide to take an alternative route along Orkney Close, Cornish Crescent and Radley Drive to avoid the new major bottleneck created by the signalisation of Heath End Road's junctions with The Raywoods and Bermuda Road. Commuters may also be looking at reducing their journey time by speeding along the road as it has no traffic calming and the scheme doesn't propose any mitigations. Heath End Road will also see no improvement as the new signals will add additional delay while the mini roundabout bottleneck and accident blackspot at Greenmoor Road is not removed and Orkney Close as a result will become an even more popular 'rat run' which is likely to lead to an increase in road accidents. The higher traffic volumes will contribute to air and noise pollution including an increase in harmful particulate matter.

The hidden agenda of the bridge is to allow developers to build a mega housing at Arbury View as part of the 'unapproved' Borough Plan'. This will lead to significant pressure on local amenities including schools, doctors and dental surgeries and additional traffic on Heath End Road.

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There are no consultations being held along the 'rat runs' created by the Bermuda Connection including Orkney Close. The fact that 23000 homes are being leafleted should raise alarm bells of the level of traffic that you can expect to be using your street if the scheme goes ahead.

**Please ensure you get involved in the public consultation and have your voice heard.** Our website contains detailed rebuttals against the claimed scheme benefits:

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### EXISTING:

- *Narrow curvaceous residential route.*
- *Some rat running.*
- *No traffic calming.*
- *Some on-street parking*
- *Sheltered accommodation.*



### FUTURE:

- *Higher levels of traffic.*
- *Higher speeds from commuter traffic.*
- *Reduced property value.*
- *More dangerous for children and the elderly to walk and cross the road.*
- *Increased number of road accidents.*
- *Increased noise.*
- *Increased vibration.*
- *Increased pollution.*

