



DRARA Residents' Traffic Survey (June 2020)

92% of residents want DRARA to be access only

In June, we asked DRARA residents for their views on traffic in their street. This was in response to a Council survey of traffic volume on Divinity Road, which recorded nearly 40,000 vehicles a week, including a high number of vans and HGVs. On weekdays, nearly 6,000 vehicles use Divinity Road as a rat run. The traffic volume in our residential street has soared by over 70% since a previous survey was conducted five years ago.

We had 183 responses to our survey. It produced a clear finding: there is high and overwhelming concern about heavy traffic in and around Divinity Road, and strong support to turn the area into an access-only network of streets.

These are the main findings:

- **92% want the neighborhood to be access only**
 - high concern about traffic volume, especially rat running
- **91% are concerned about escalating traffic**
 - 72% say this is a very high concern
- **92% say less traffic would improve their quality of life**
 - improved safety, less noise, less pollution
- **78% say traffic was bad or very bad before lockdown**
 - two-thirds cited traffic noise as a major concern
- **91% say reduced traffic during lockdown improved their quality of life**
 - less noise, improved safety, less pollution, better sense of community
- **73% witnessed road rage in the past year**
 - angry driving and speeding; some cite concern for personal safety
- **50% have had their car damaged while parked on the street**
 - scrapes, broken wing mirrors, dents
 - six respondents reported having their car written off!

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1. Where do you live?

	# of respondents
Bartlemas Road	15
Divinity Road	49
Hill Top Road	29
Minster Road	18
Southfield Road	55
Stone Street	2
Warneford Road	15
	183

2. How would you best describe the traffic on your road before lockdown?

	Good				Bad	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
# of respondents	3	9	28	50	93	183
	2%	5%	15%	27%	51%	

3. How much did the traffic noise concern you prior to lockdown?

	Not at all	2	3	4	Very much	Total
	1				5	
# of respondents	7	22	30	58	66	183
	4%	12%	16%	32%	36%	

4. Did the reduction in traffic during lockdown improve your quality of life? How?

	Not at all	2	3	4	Very much	Total
	1				5	
# of respondents	4	4	8	39	128	183
	2%	2%	4%	21%	70%	

	Mentioned in reply			
	Improved safety	Better sleep	Less noise	Less pollution
# of respondents*	72	20	104	67
% all 183 survey respondents	39%	11%	57%	37%
*164 respondents answered the question				
Some respondents mentioned two or more of the issues listed				

5. How concerned are you by the escalation in traffic?

	Not at all					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
# of respondents	0	2	14	36	131	183
	0%	1%	8%	20%	72%	

6. Have you witnessed any incidents of road rage on your street in the last 12 months? If yes, how frequent are they?

	Yes	No	Total
# of respondents	134	49	183
	73%	27%	

# of respondents	Daily/ Almost daily	2/3 times a week	Weekly	Fort-nightly	Monthly	3 times a year	Regular	Total
		19	3	15	6	7	3	18

7. Has your household or a visitor had their parked car damaged in the past 12 months? If yes, please provide details.

	Yes	No	Total
# of respondents	91	92	183
	50%	50%	

	Mentioned in reply			
	Damaged wing mirror	Scrapes/ scratches	Dents/ more severe damage	Car written-off
# of respondents*	38	52	19	6
% all 183 survey respondents	21%	28%	10%	3%

*91 respondents answered the question
Some respondents mentioned two or more of the issues listed

8. Would less traffic on your street improve your quality of life? How?

	Not at all					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
# of respondents	0	4	11	29	139	183
	0%	2%	6%	16%	76%	

	Mentioned in reply			
	Improved safety	Better sleep	Less noise	Less pollution
# of respondents*	99	13	98	89
% all 183 survey respondents	54%	7%	54%	49%

*158 respondents answered the question
Some respondents mentioned two or more of the issues listed

9. Do you support the proposal of turning our neighbourhood into an access-only network of streets?

	Yes	No	Total
# of responses	169	14	183
	92%	8%	