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I object to this application.

I live on the Lane where the plan is to widen it.

This would seem to be yet another creeping addition to the Peugeot destruction of the peaceful character of the Lane. If the Lane is widened here there will be various results.

Even more cars will park while people go walking on Highdown.

Unwise development at the top of the Lane has resulted in more water running down. As a result the drainage ditch is the more essential to prevent flooding at the lower end. Debris is also brought down, so we depend on the good offices of Cobbins, the owners, to clear the ditch when necessary and to repair the damage done by the transporters. If this part of the ditch is covered over it will not be possible to keep it clear; it would need a complete drain system right from the top to prevent blockage. Otherwise the drain ditch, now being damaged by the transporters, will be blocked by the debris. Who will be responsible for keeping it clear?

Much debris floods down from the top of the Lane causing the recent floods and blockage of the culvert at the junction with the 259. If there is no easy access for this work the drain will be useless and the bottom of the Lane will be flooded as in the past.

The damage caused by the transporters is evidence that the Lane is not suitable for this traffic. This was pointed out to them at the start, and demonstrated by a "trial run" with an empty transporter; I was present.

It is quite possible for the unloading to happen on the Peugeot premises -it has been done. It is a pity that Highways thought they knew better and did not accept the warning. If their original opinion were correct there would be no need to request a wider Lane for these vehicles. If they need a wider Lane then Highways were wrong and now is the time for them to say "Sorry, no more" rather than compound the mistake with more damage and distress.

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