

Correspondence 1:

"We are sure that Mr Pearce, MP will be aware of the recent traffic chaos at Rushup Edge and Winnats Pass that has hit local and national press.

We are grateful for what the police and the parking enforcement officers have done over these past few weeks, but stress that these problems occur regularly and are escalating each year, so it needs a longer term strategy to address this successfully.

The issues however are not just about the parking and volumes of visitors that hit the headlines recently, but it's also about litter, human excrement, dog waste bags, antisocial behaviour. These are created due to vast numbers of visitors, especially those who have no respect for the country code or the law.

Concerned for Castleton have been raising this and other issues for 9 months and have seen little acknowledgement of them and even less action.

Another particular "hot spot" is the Old Mam Tor Road. Once the main through route it has been a no through road since a landslide in the 70s. The top issue identified at this site relates to human excrement, dog waste bags, fly tipping and general rubbish. This contamination presents a risk to public health and the environment. Whilst residents do regular litter picking this cannot be seen as a solution for dog waste and human excrement.

The road is the major route for walkers from Castleton to Mam Tor. Once they leave Castleton there are no bins despite many carrying food and drink and having dogs. In addition, we believe that there is also a specific issue related to vehicles that park overnight (sometimes for many nights and in some cases months). This accounts for a lot of the human excrement and also camping related large bags of rubbish.

We have also submitted that by allowing up to 180 vehicles to park overnight on the public highway (the old Mam Tor Road, the Council is in effect creating a Touring Caravan Site. Whilst there may be no legal requirement, we believe that there is a duty of care meaning that the Council should apply the same Conditions as they would expect from a commercial site. These include:

- Water Supply
- Refuse Disposal
- Drainage, Sanitation and Washing Facilities

It is unacceptable to regard the issue as an unfortunate consequence of the decision to allow overnight parking and still we have had little to no engagement on these issues despite having approached the authorities for help.

These issues are all interconnected and can only be resolved through a coordinated plan to manage the visitor experience to the Peak District.

A major obstacle to resolution is the fragmentation of responsibility across DCC, HPBC, PDNP and the National Trust (plus others). So, for example, DCC traffic come up with ideas for parking but have no interest in the knock on effect on litter which is a HPBC responsibility.

What is needed is leadership to bring these groups together and to drive a solution. **Is Mr Pearce willing to step up and take the lead? If you are unable to respond today we ask for. an answer within 7 days. It is important to grab the opportunity created by the publicity and we would need to look elsewhere for a sponsor if you cannot help"**

Correspondence 2:

I am a local resident and youtube blogger and I spend a lot of my time filming and hiking in the area.

Over the last 9 months the vast increase in visitors to the area has led to multiple issues with parking, traffic management, litter, antisocial behaviour etc.

What is clear is that the locals are capturing these issues and highlighting them but little seems to be happening and it appears that the agencies involved either pass the parcel between them or are unable to provide a coordinated response to the issue.

There are plenty of examples especially in Scotland where a multi agency approach can lead to successful outcomes benefiting all parties.