

Speaking at the Uttlesford Offices on the 17th January 2020 :-

Good afternoon, and thank you Chair:-

CLLR Chris Webb From Hatfield Broad Oak Parish, Greenhill and Bush End Ward.
I have lived there 44years.

More passengers, 35mppa up to 43mppa, 22.8% increase, which means more vehicles, much of which get to and from the Airport via the B183 which passes through our Hamlets and Villages, not withstanding Takeley, the Canfields, Hatfield Heath, Sheering on to Harlow and the M11.

The B183 is a Secondary Distributor which carries a higher volume of traffic than would be expected in a rural village. A 12hour survey by Essex Highways at Takeley Four Ashes Traffic lights in June 2017 recorded 6,171 vehicles using the B183South, nearly 10% of them in the LGV2-HGV2 categories. The vast majority of these must pass through Hatfield Broad Oak.

These numbers confirm that the large amount of vehicular traffic through Hatfield Broad Oak is over capacity for the medieval street pattern of the village.

This volume of traffic through the village on roads narrowed by pavement and street parking is rapidly becoming intolerable and at school times there can be gridlock, resulting in diesel fumes and short tempers. Walking or cycling along the B183 in the village at peak hours is not a pleasant experience.

Bush End Lane is a protected lane but residents have experienced increases in the amount of vehicles using the Bush End Lane and other small lanes in this area and in Great Canfield to avoid the traffic lights at the Takeley B1256/B183 junction.

Building works will mean more HGV's, can these be encouraged to use the Motorway?

The 106 monies should help, upgrading infrastructure / roads etc, and encouraging the traffic to use motorways will help our Village and Hamlets.

So, more passengers , more traffic, more noise more pollution, and what of the carbon footprint, and carbon neutral by 2050.

Please let's protect our Villages and environment.
Thanks for listening to me.