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## **WRITTEN QUESTION UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 39**

### **QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June an accident occurred on the A1 which led to a significant number of Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling through North Muskham, contravening the Environmental Weight Limit through the village and endangering pedestrians, including schoolchildren.

Does the Chairman of the Transport & Highways Committee share my concern that the Police were fully aware of these contraventions but seemed unwilling to prevent them, in some cases even assisting the lorry drivers to continue through the village and on to their destination?

Does he share my concern over advice from our Trading Standards team that records of vehicle registration numbers and photographs of offending vehicles (collected by myself and other residents) constitute only "hearsay evidence" and cannot be used to pursue retrospective prosecutions?

Given the proven value of Environmental Weight Limits in improving the quality of life in our villages and preventing damage to highways unsuitable for HGVs, will the Chairman of Transport & Highways Committee do everything within his power to prevent these important restrictions being compromised?

**Councillor Sue Saddington**