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Anger over lorry drivers' parking and dumping 'pee in bottles' in Ventura Park Road, Tamworth

Staffordshire County Council says it is aware of the issue

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An angry grandmother has hit out over lorry drivers parking overnight and "dumping rubbish and peeing in empty pop bottles" near to a <u>Tamworth</u> housing estate. Deborah King says she has witnessed the aftermath of the incidents in Ventura Park Road, near to the Barratt Homes development, many times when visiting her daughter Krystal and granddaughter Betsy. She has now called for "something to be done". <u>Staffordshire</u> County Council, which is responsible for highways, has told Birmingham Live it is "aware of the issue and in discussions with local businesses".

Deborah fumed: "Something has to be done about the lorries parking on Ventura Park Road in the day and overnight for days on end. Not only is it dangerous for pedestrians walking with children and prams, they're dumping rubbish and peeing in empty pop bottles and leaving it behind with no consideration for the housing estate just up the road from it.

"The people who live on the estate walk down these paths on a daily basis. It is utterly disgusting. I have seen this many times on my way to visit my daughter and granddaughter. I am shocked to see this behaviour from grown up lorry drivers. Something has to be done. My daughter and granddaughter have to live on that estate and she sees this on a daily basis, it's lowering the tone of a good estate and I am not happy about it."

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In response, David Williams, cabinet member for highways and transport at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Our highways teams are aware of the issue and are in discussions with local businesses to understand the causes of the parking issues and to identify potential solutions.

"In the meantime, residents should report any anti-social behaviour and litter concerns to the Police and Tamworth Borough Council."

It is not the first time we have reported on the issue in Ventura Park Road.

Last year a local resident, who did not want to be named, said several lorry drivers park up along Ventura Park Road in Tamworth overnight near to Barratt Homes' Dunstall Park development and <u>were using the area as an 'overnight</u> <u>truck stop and toilet'.</u> She added "it is only a matter of time before there is going to be a serious accident".