

The **Blisworth Parish Council** are in consultation with **Cllr Karen Cooper** (our District Councillor at West Northants Council) to try to alert the authorities about the ongoing problem of vehicles breaking the 3T weight limit along Stoke Road near the canal tunnel entrance. The structural weight limit applies to all vehicles at all times without exception and is legally enforceable by Police, however they do need evidence to pursue those at fault, in the form of videos (static photographs cannot be accepted for legal reasons).

Northamptonshire Police has provided additional details of how to help them enforce the legal limits:

1. Residents should upload videos (not static photos) onto the Operation Snap page on the Northants Police website (<https://www.northants.police.uk/police-forces/northamptonshire-police/areas/northamptonshire-force-content/about-us/about-us/operation-snap-northamptonshire/>).
2. Residents should keep the videos on their phones or recording device, as this evidence may be requested.
3. Residents **MUST NOT** upload it to any social media site or share it with others as this will impact on possible prosecutions.
4. When residents complete the online form, they should emphasise the health and safety concerns relating to the subsidence with risk of collapse on this road, to highlight the severity of our concerns and not merely comment on the issues of noise or nuisance.

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT TAKE VIDEOS AS THE DRIVER, AS THIS IS AN OFFENCE, BUT ANY VIDEOS TAKEN ON YOUR VEHICLE'S WEBCAM IS FINE.

To further support residents, **Cllr Cooper** has asked residents to also pass onto her any videos evidencing weight restriction infringements along Stoke Road. She will forward this evidence directly to Highways, to ensure that they are sent and monitored by the correct department at Highways and hopefully Highways can apply further pressure by contacting the companies.

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Could you also add the following details to any emails sent to Cllr Cooper:

1. The name of the company on the vehicle
2. The vehicle registration number
3. Date and time of the incident
4. Your full name, postal address and email address