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Wheatley Parish Clerk

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Subject: Brookes Wheatley Campus

Hi

In September 1972 my husband became a lecturer at Lady Spencer College. We were moving from Durham at a time when house prices were exorbitant in the south.

We were therefore very grateful to be offered one of the old army houses on the campus. I was teaching in Didcot, we had two cars.

A year later, the situation was very different, our new born son, no teaching for me, no money, lecturers are not well paid, and the second car had to go. By the following September our daughter had arrived.

It was very isolating on the campus with two small children. Doctors, nurses, friends, shops were all a long way away. Packing two little ones into a pram, buggy, for the long walk into Wheatley, became more and more difficult especially as winter approached. We would often set off to find a nappy needed changing, or two, delaying and often having to recloth one or both of the babies, arriving like drowned rats in the village. Milk, bread, meat, all foods were needed and careful planning, which necessitated our buying a large freezer for those days when it was just impossible to reach the village. Clinic days were missed, an opportunity to mix with others and get to know the local community, along with more cheerful activities in Wheatley.

This is a plea that in the local planning there must be integrated, a walkway over the A40 into Wheatley, and a means of getting out of the campus, other than a private car, buses running into the campus should be seriously looked into, a deviation from the 280 bus route, the simplest.

Please think carefully about this, it was a difficult time, only overcome by good friends in Wheatley.

Thank you for reading this appeal.

Yours faithfully

Cynthia Mancey