

Colney Heath Parish Council objection to the development on the land near Roundhouse Farm for Care home.

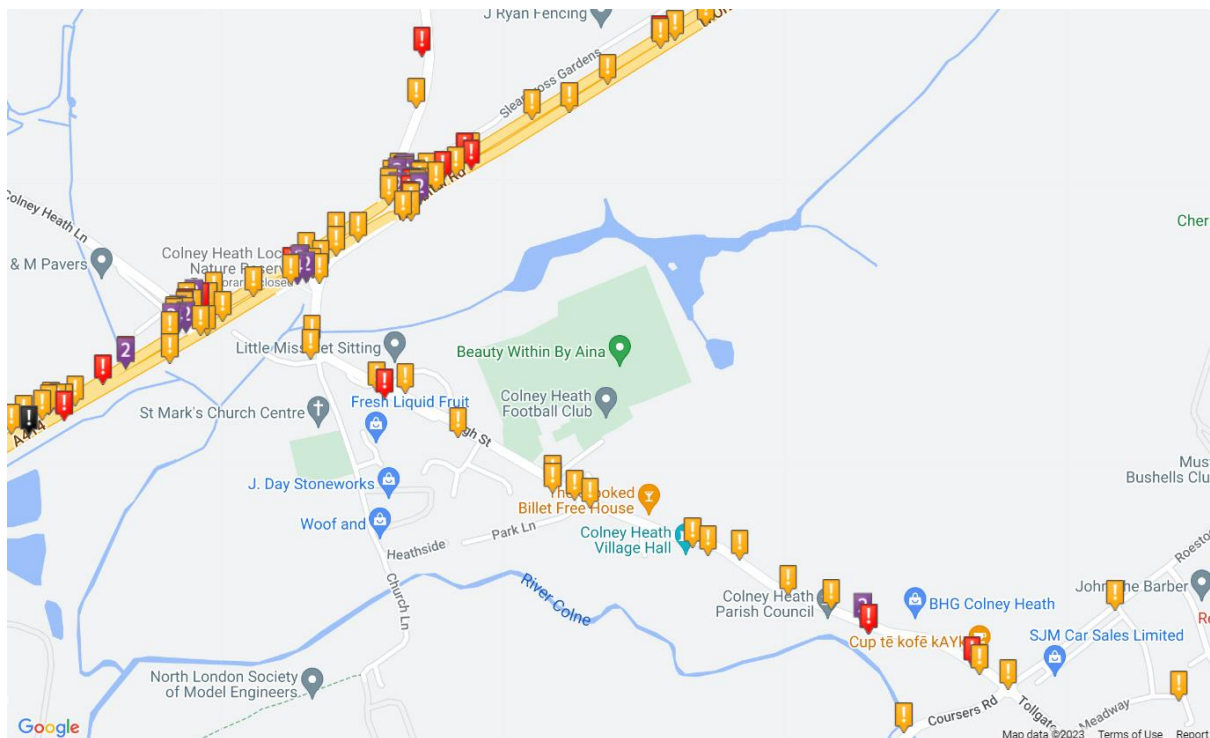
Crashmap.co.uk Road traffic accident data for the last 20 years in the area.

Amber – slight

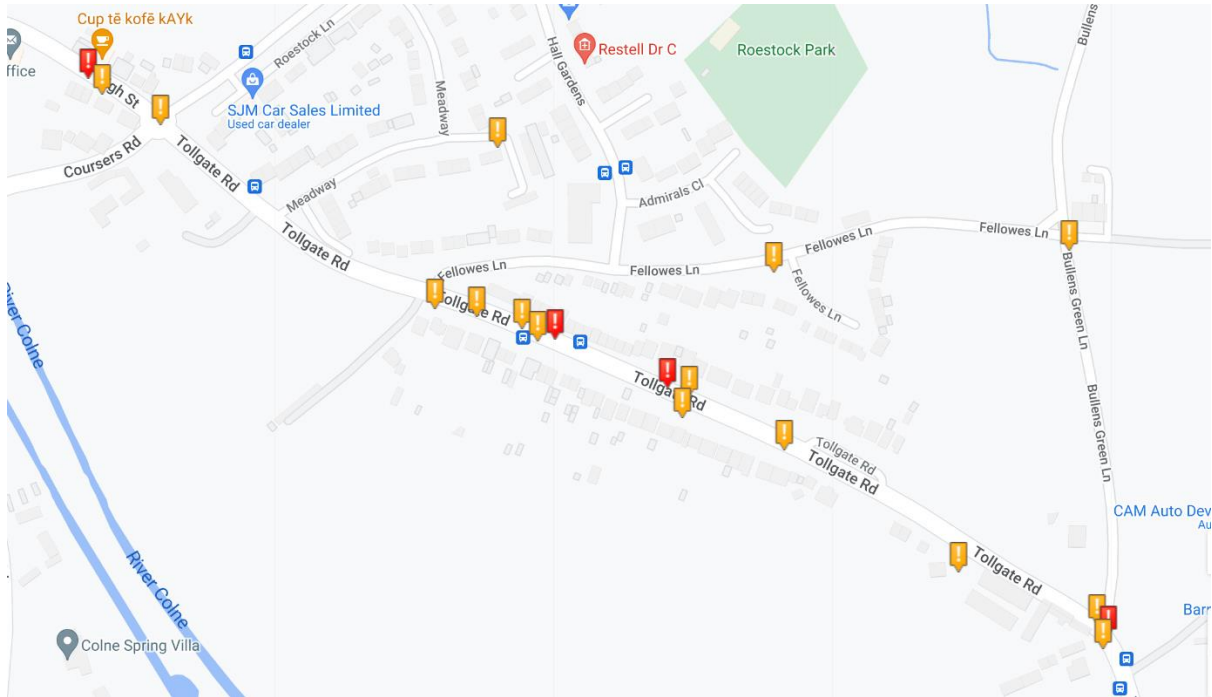
Red - serious

Black - fatal accidents

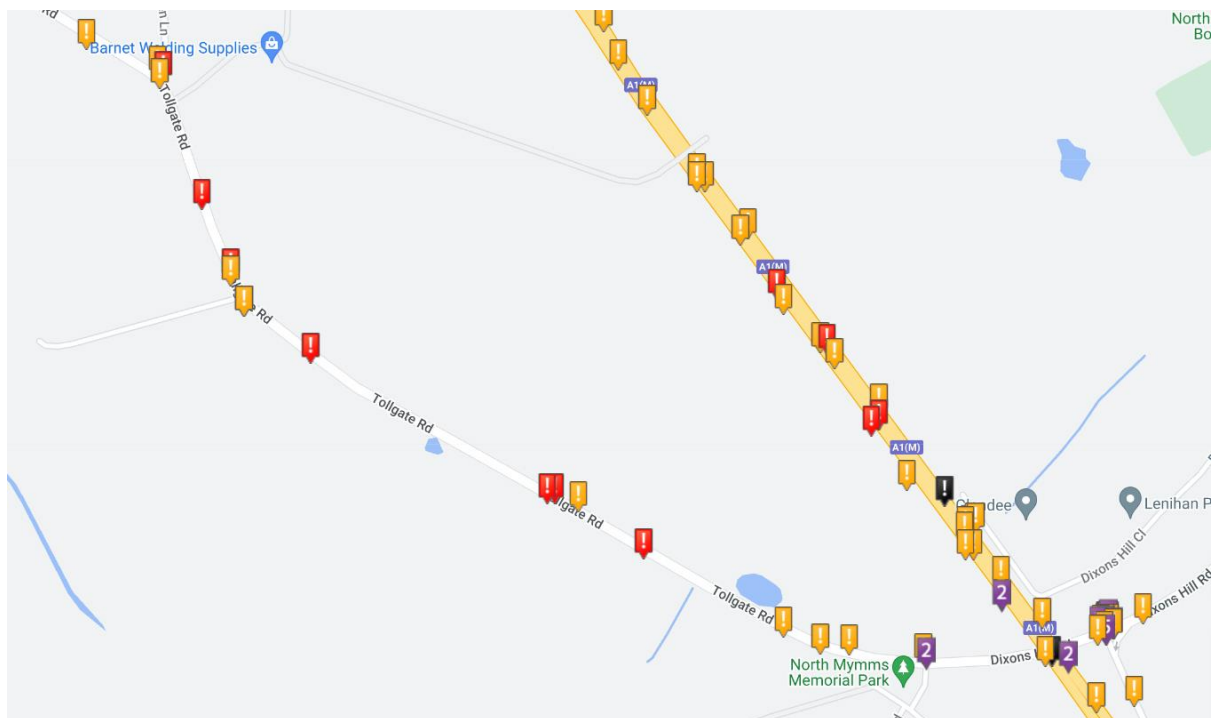
Road Traffic Accident (RTA) maps below demonstrate



RTA map for High Street Colney Heath and the A414 long-about.

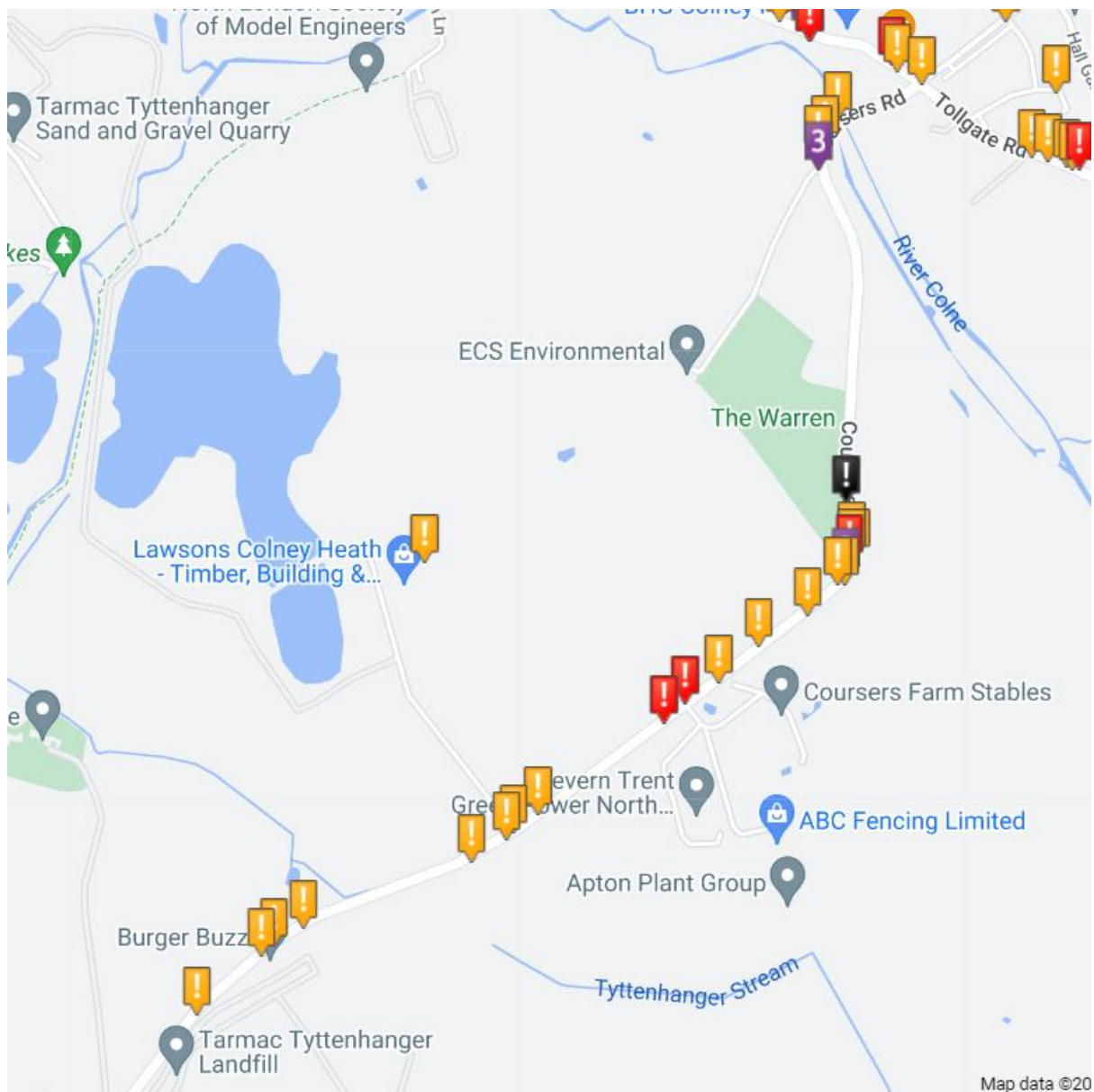


RTA map for Tollgate Road village end

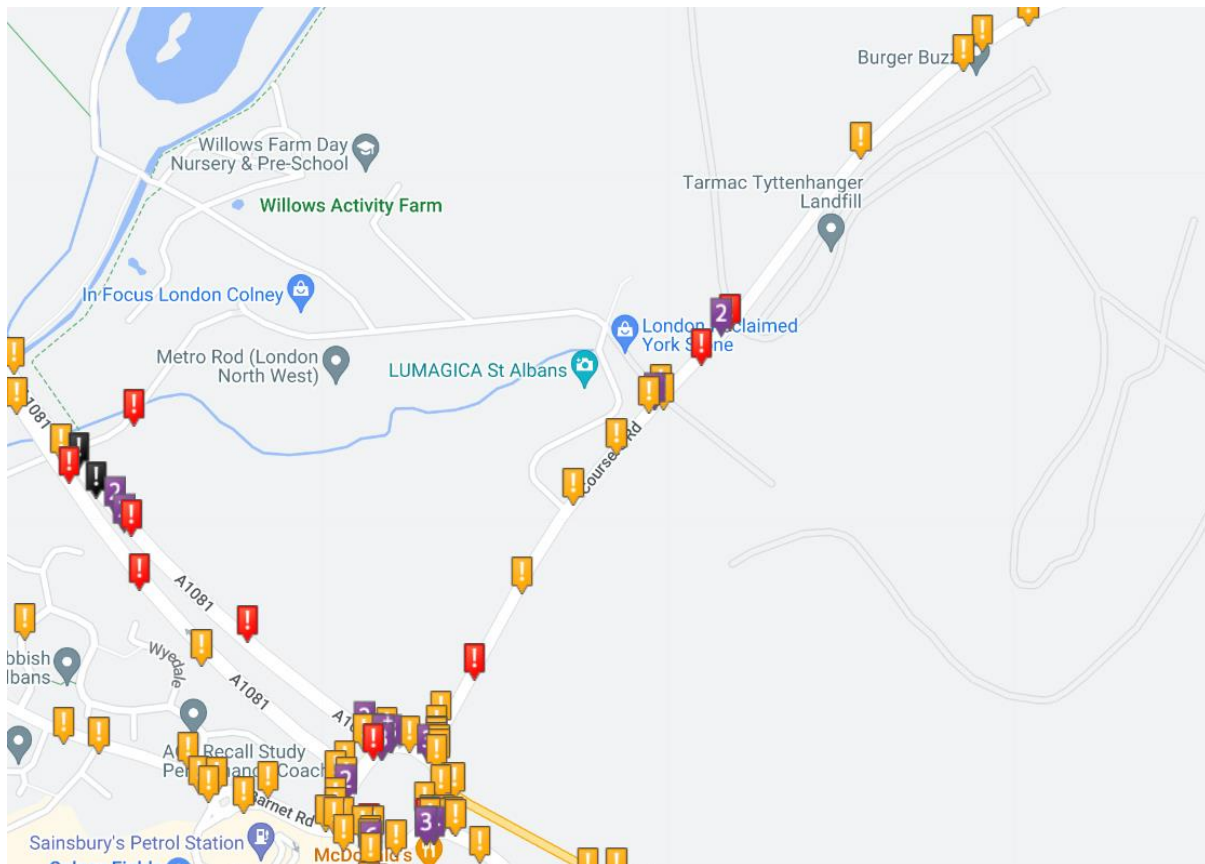


RTA map for Tollgate Road edge of village to Dixon Hill Road

The crashmap data demonstrates the significant level of safety risks to all users along Coursers Road and the Bell roundabout.



RTA map Coursers Road village end



RTA map Coursers Road London Colney end Bell roundabout.

The crashmap data demonstrates the level of risk along Coursers Road and the Bell roundabout. These will increase due to the increased number of HGV vehicles entering and leaving the two waste processing sites accessed via Coursers Road, Tyttenhanger Landfill and Coursers Farm bio-digester.

The Coursers Farm bio-digester has recently (3rd February 2023 application PL/0275/22) had the number of vehicle movements increased by way of increasing the maximum tonnage through put by two thirds from 45,000 tons to 75,000 tons.

Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs)

Despite the existence of 7.5-ton weight limits in the village, a considerable number of HGVs come through the village as a short cut or avoiding delays elsewhere on the network. This is exacerbated by poor law enforcement of the weight limit. These HGVs regularly cause damage to street furniture, CHPC fears it is only a matter of time before a serious RTA occurs involving an HGV.



Photo taken Monday 13th March 2023 @ 7.59 overweight lorry causing damage on the roundabout in the centre of Colney Heath village the damaged road sign and lighting may be seen under the lorry.



Photo taken shortly afterwards showing the damage, the street furniture had been replaced only a few weeks previously following a previous incident. All the roads used by this lorry have existing 7.5ton weight limits.

While it does not occur every day, the village roads are prone to very high volumes of traffic diverted onto them if an RTA occurs elsewhere on the highway network most notably from A1(M) or M25.

Sustainable Transport

The applicant has attempted to demonstrate that the village is a sustainable location with access to local bus services. CHPC have already supplied data showing that the services are in fact quite poor. The latest analysis can give no one any hope it is about to improve.

BBC news 20th February 2023 -

Department for Transport data shows the county has had a 56.5% reduction in bus mileage since 2017 in Hertfordshire - the highest in England.

Hertfordshire County Council said patronage had fallen since 2020 adding there was also a "massive driver shortage" in the area.

Arriva said it had to reduce services to "reflect new passenger demand".

Across the country, the local bus network has shrunk by an estimated 14% between 2016-17 and 2021-22, BBC analysis of Department for Transport figures suggests.

Phil Bibby, the Conservative-run council's executive member for highways and transport, claimed the government figures for 2016 and 2017 were wrong and that the reduction in the county was only about 39%.

This analysis together with the statements made make it very clear the bus services in Colney Heath are not going to get better any time soon, in fact the evidence strongly points to the fact they are likely to continue to get worse.

The evidence is clear that Colney Heath does not have access to sustainable modes of transport nor is it likely to in the foreseeable future.