

told them they did so because they “deliberately decided to expose any police officer that got in your way to a risk of death”. And he rejected the suggestion they had shown remorse.

the court the couple's future had been stolen from them.

“They took more than one life away that day. They stole the person that I used to be, the happiness that we

Breathtaking: Dorset village tops the list of England's road pollution hotspots



Alex Morss

Residents of a Dorset village have blamed a lack of public transport and thousands of holidaymakers after they found themselves at the top of the list of England's road pollution hotspots. Chideock, on the Jurassic Coast, has only 550 residents, but it lies on the main A35 trunk road and in the summer up to 20,000 vehicles a day drive

▲ Chideock has only 550 residents but 20,000 vehicles a day drive through it along the A35 during the summer

through en route to the beach. Locals said they relied on their cars without mainline rail or good bus services.

The Friends of the Earth study put Chideock in first place, ahead of a station taxi rank in Sheffield, and Brighton in third. London's Marylebone Road and Euston Road were in eighth and ninth place. The environmental group

that will never, ever be filled.”

Harper, 28, died as he attempted to apprehend the three teenagers, who were trying to steal a quad bike in Berkshire.

revealed this week that 1,360 sites across England were breaching the air quality objective levels for NO₂, while road traffic forecasts from the Department for Transport show traffic volumes are expected to increase in England and Wales each year until 2050, potentially by up to 51% in total.

Up to 80% of this invisible, odorous toxic gas comes from exhaust fumes, which are among the largest environmental risks to public health.

Tony Peacock, deputy chair of the parish council, who sits on a working group calling for a bypass, said: “The HGVs come down the hill almost all day. There is pollution from tyres, brakes, exhausts - and other pollutants coming off them. The buses do not seem to be commercially viable.”

Anna Dunn runs a B&B in a 15th-century house on the main road, but only achieves about 30% occupancy and gave up trying to run a full hotel. “People would come to stay but leave because of the road noise,” she said.

One Chideock resident, Mansel Jones, said: “A small number of people who live on the main road are pushing to get a village bypass but it would destroy our village and just move the problem over into the fields nearby. Why destroy another beautiful piece of countryside?”

Simon Bowens, of Friends of the Earth, said: “The government must end its damaging fixation on building more roads. Investment in better cycling and walking should be part of a fair and green post-coronavirus economic recovery plan.”

sustained horrific injuries.

Harper's mother, Deborah Adlam, said she had been unable to come to terms with the fact that her son would never be a father, something not been involved in Harper's death.

DEAR MR HALL MP, MINISTER FOR ROUGH SLEEPING AND HOUSING

On 27 March you issued astonishing, progressive instructions to Local Authorities, aiming 'ultimately on preventing deaths' of rough sleepers.

• *On 24 June, you Tweeted that ending rough sleeping is not only your job, but your 'moral mission'.*

• *On 18 July, you issued updated guidance to Local Authorities.*

Around 40% of ex-rough sleepers currently in temporary accommodation face eviction back to the street, many - but not all - of whom have no recourse to public funds.

Rough sleeping damages morale, health and even life expectancy.

Rough sleepers in the UK die, on average, before they reach 45.

I am sad to learn that you have lessened your focus on 'preventing deaths'. Local to me are memorial services for people who lost their lives while sleeping rough.

With respect, I would like to invite you to attend one of these services.

Yours sincerely,

**Ali Negyal
London**

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