

We shall not be moved!

A Chinese couple have found themselves living in the fast lane after refusing to move out for a new road.

Construction workers in the country's Zhejiang province surrounded their five-storey building with asphalt, leaving motorists to navigate an unlikely obstacle. China's People's Daily newspaper said the couple refused to leave because they were unhappy with the compensation package they were offered. Their neighbours are understood to have moved on, although some of their apartments have been left standing. Once complete, the highway through Xiazhangyang village, on China's eastern coast, will lead to Wenling railway station, which is served by China's super-fast bullet trains. The owners of the isolated house it now bypasses are not alone in living with a main road on their doorstep. In Britain, one of the most familiar examples is Stott Hall Farm in Calderdale, West Yorkshire, which sits in the middle of the M62 motorway.