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Councillor Burnett

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Dear Councillor Burnett

**Council Meeting – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

Thank you for submitting a question to the Council Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. I have detailed the question below along with my subsequent response for your information.

**Residents of Whiston and the surrounding area are frustrated and very worried about the number of drivers who do not respect the 30 mph speed limit on Worrygoose Lane and parents who walk their children to Whiston Worrygoose Junior and Infant School are especially concerned when crossing this busy road. When will the Council install a safe pedestrian crossing?**

The Council actively engages with a number of different organisations, including the Roads Policing Teams, to improve safety for all road users and is keen to see greater enforcement of motoring offences where possible.

A speed survey was conducted at Worrygoose Lane near to the Reresby Drive junction in the summer of 2019 and this showed the average speed of traffic was 26mph, with 85% of traffic recorded as travelling at or below 33mph. This is below the speed at which the police would prosecute.

It is however appreciated that there are still a significant number of drivers travelling at higher speeds and where a specific site is concerned, such as in this question in the vicinity of the school, the Council will report this directly to the Police with a view to enforcement taking place.

For a pedestrian crossing to be installed requests must first of all undergo a site suitability assessment. Where a potential site meets the Council's criteria for a crossing then it is added to a list of sites requiring funding which, once approved, enables design and construction of the sites with the highest priority.

This particular location has not been assessed recently in terms of pedestrian and vehicle numbers associated with a controlled crossing, therefore would need a count to be undertaken. Previously there have been assessments carried out with regard to a potential footway buildout or pedestrian refuge on the Worrygoose roundabout side of Lathe Road, and this can be reconsidered as part of a Neighbourhood Road Safety Scheme submission.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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