

Councillor Dominic Beck – Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

Riverside House
Main Street
Rotherham
S60 1AE

E-mail: dominic.beck@rotherham.gov.uk

Email the Council for **free** @ your local library!

Ref	Direct Line:	Please Ask For
DB/KS	01709 823564	Councillor Beck

28th April 2022

Councillor Mills

Via email: lewis.mills@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Councillor Mills

Speed limit reduction

Further to the comments made in the original response in Council, it is accepted that the issue of pedestrian safety, particularly that of children is an emotive subject. However, it is crucial that consideration is given to the full situation and that measures are not introduced, such as the suggested speed limit change, which may create other collision risks such as those previously explained. For any change of speed limit, officers would need to follow Department for Transport guidance on the setting of local speed limits and if there is likely to be a foreseen risk of introducing additional hazards, then without further extensive physical measures to regulate speed and driver behaviour, this could not be supported. It was therefore suggested that the additional funding could be something local members want to put forward as a priority when we come to the process of identifying local road safety concerns for further consideration.

It may help to understand the recent accident history for this site - an examination of reported injury collision data over the past 5 years reveals that no collisions have been recorded by the police involving any pedestrians (data range from: 1/1/2017 to 2/3/2022). Whilst this is no indicator of future trends, it does however provide an early warning of any emerging road safety issues, such as child pedestrian safety, and as a matter of course is analysed annually to identify any collision type trends by officers in the Transportation Team.

In relation to the existing 20mph signing no longer working, we were unsure whether you meant that they no longer have a speed reduction benefit or if they are just not functioning. Arrangements are being made for RMBC Highways teams to check the operation and visibility of the signs to ensure both scenarios are addressed.

I hope this helps clarify the original response in Council.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Dominic Beck
Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment /Ward Councillor for Wales Ward