

Appendix 2 – Petition regarding Road Safety on Birks Holt, Maltby

Road Safety Petition Birks Holt

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Tina Bailey, and I am a resident of Birks Holt, Maltby. I am writing this petition following a traumatic and life-changing incident involving my young son, who recently sustained a serious facial injury after being struck by a vehicle. The accident happened because he was forced to step into the road due to a car parked on the pavement — a widespread and dangerous issue in our neighbourhood.

As a parent, the fear of your child being involved in an accident — and not being there when it happens — is unimaginable. It is every parent's worst nightmare to receive that call, to know your child has been hurt in a situation that could have been prevented. This event has had a lasting physical and emotional impact on our family, and it has highlighted how urgently road safety in Birks Holt needs to be addressed.

Our main concerns are:

- **Dangerous pavement parking** forcing pedestrians, including children and people with mobility difficulties, to walk on the road, exposing them to traffic risks.
- **Excessive vehicle speeds** through residential areas increasing the severity and likelihood of accidents.
- **Lack of community awareness and education** around road safety, speeding, and responsible parking.

Therefore We, the undersigned, urge Rotherham Borough Council to:

1. **Engage with the Birks Holt community** to understand residents' concerns, gather local evidence, and work collaboratively to raise awareness and educate the public about the dangers of pavement parking and the importance of responsible driving.
2. **Introduce speed reduction measures, with the possibility of 20mph zones**, throughout the Birks Holt area to lower vehicle speeds and reduce the likelihood and severity of future accidents.
3. **Tackle dangerous pavement parking** through enforcement, signage, and physical deterrents (such as bollards or restricted parking areas), ensuring pavements remain safe and accessible to pedestrians.

We are calling for meaningful action to protect our children, our families, and our community. No parent should have to experience the fear, helplessness, and pain that I have. We ask the Council to act now, before another avoidable tragedy occurs.