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To: Transportation
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It is good to see that a step in the right direction is being taken to reduce the speed of traffic travelling through Woodsetts by raising the carriageway at the village crossroads, but it is of much concern to me that the scheme does not address the problem of traffic travelling too fast in other areas of the village.

All of the approaches to the village, apart from the one from Lindrick Common across Socheage Hill and onto Lindrick Road, have long straights leading to them, and from the entrance to the village to the crossroads at the church these roads remain fairly straight and can be driven along at high speed. Without some form of traffic calming at the entrances to the village at Worksop Road, Gildingwells Road and Dinnington Road, motor vehicles will continue to speed into the village until they meet the proposed speed hump in the centre. Then, of course, they'd be free to accelerate away again.

However, even with some traffic calming at these entry points, the lengths of these roads to the crossroads (Worksop Road, >530m, Gildingwells Road, >850m and Dinnington Road, >380m) are sufficient to allow vehicles to accelerate along their lengths having passed any control that might be placed at the village approaches

If traffic calming is to succeed in the village then a much more comprehensive scheme is required. Perhaps more consideration needs to be put into the plans so that it is successful throughout the community and does not just concentrate on one particular area. Remember that people cross the roads in all parts of the village, not just at the crossroads. There are shops and a recreation ground on Worksop Road, a Village Hall, church and alternative access to the recreation ground on Gildingwells Road and the Doctors' surgery off Dinnington Road.

The "your speed" signs on Dinnington Road and Worksop Road seem to be ignored by many – the one on Dinnington Road only comes to life if it detects a vehicle travelling too fast, otherwise it remains dead. The posts in the grass on the northern side of Dinnington Road that stretch for 190m out from the crossroads and stop residents from pulling their cars onto the verge are an abominable eyesore; presumably they were put there so that the cars parked on the carriageway would act as a chicane for traffic along this stretch. How unfair on their owners. Much better that the council dealt with this in a fairer and more aesthetical manner.

I hope that you will take my thoughts into consideration; spending money on a scheme that looks to me as though it probably will not work is, I would hope you agree, money poorly spent.

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