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To: Transportation

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Dear Sirs,

I note from the Woodsetts Village Newsletter that proposals have been put forward for a "raised junction table" at Woodsetts crossroads.

It seems that the automatic "solution" to speeding is to incorporate yet another car damaging obstacle in the way of law abiding motorists. In the last two years I have needed to replace both front and rear road springs on my Ford KA, and £180's worth of low profile tyre on my partner's Mazda. It is widely acknowledged that damage of this nature is caused by this type of obstacle, even whilst being driven over at low speeds. Likewise the road surface adjacent to speed humps is more susceptible to damage and breakup because of the concussive effect of vehicle weight. Have RMBC seen the state of the road surface adjacent to all the speed humps in Dinnington? I will happily provide photographs if required.

Woodsetts crossroads already has a ridiculous artificial road narrowing - immediately opposite a bus stop with virtually no forward vision for following motorists who wish to overtake a stationary bus, so quite why Woodsetts Parish Council and RMBC believe that a speed hump will assist pedestrians is beyond my comprehension. Surely a Pelican crossing would make a much more appropriate solution - always assuming there really is a problem for residents crossing the road in the first place?

If the Highways Department has the necessary budget to spend on such a hare-brained scheme, may I suggest that the funds be used to improving the state of the local roads - and I don't mean the throwing of a few spadefuls of cold bitumen into a rainsoaked pothole with no preparation or follow-up, which within 24 hours has been washed away (average cost £72). It appears no-one in RMBC has heard of the permanent "Velocity" repair (average cost £12 as reported in last week's Daily Telegraph)

Please regard this email as one local resident's vote of no confidence in your proposed course of action.

Yours faithfully,

14/09/2010