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Cllr Paul Thorp
Elected Member
Via email: paul.thorp@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Thorp,

Council Meeting – Wednesday 15th July 2026

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 15th July. I have set out your question and my response below.

Will you look again at traffic calming measures in Whiston on High street down towards Turner Lane from the Methodist church, repeated request have been met with a straight no? A recent collision highlighted again the issues of visibility due to parked cars and the approaching speed of traffic down High Street from a pinch point by the Methodist church.

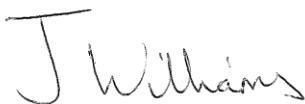
I am advised that officers are aware of previous requests for traffic calming measures on High Street, Whiston, particularly between the Methodist Church and Turner Lane. This location has been assessed previously. Different ideas were explored including road humps. They are not suitable here because of the shape of the road, the retaining walls and limited visibility for drivers. These issues mean road humps would not meet the required safety and design standards that we must use when we are planning works on the road network.

We recognise the concerns raised following the recent collision, particularly regarding vehicle speeds and visibility affected by parked vehicles. Whilst previous assessments concluded that traffic calming measures could not be justified, all new concerns are recorded and will be considered as part of future reviews alongside other road safety priorities across the borough.

This type of issue is why we have committed to developing Ward Road Safety Plans, and this will be an ideal issue to consider as part of that exercise alongside other similar issues in the Sitwell Ward. Should that scheme be prioritised, the previous work could be reviewed to look again at visibility, parking constraints and speed measures.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor John Williams
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