

Item 11 Road Safety

The following information was sent in by a resident of West Rainton



Dear Cllr. Alan Bell and West Rainton Parish Council,

Unfortunately I cannot attend a parish council meeting due to work commitments but I am a resident of West Rainton and spotted in the parish news that speeding in the village was currently being considered and I wished to send in a suggestion.

On holiday in Scotland my husband and I spotted speed limit signage with a reminder about walkers and cyclists included, photograph attached.

We thought signs such as these would be a great idea along Chantry Place/Benridge Bank as they would alert drivers and are signage that should be permissible without any redesignation of the carriageway.

Regarding the speed limit along this stretch, presently the '30' signs are at the entrances to the road from Station Road and A690, at each point where the speed limit drops to 30, but there aren't any reminders along the road itself. Station Road does have reminders of its 40mph limit.

Regarding cycling, although the Chantry Place/Benridge Bank road isn't an official cycle route it is well known that cyclists link the cycle lane Belmont - West Rainton with the one starting at East Rainton by cycling along this road. The blue cyclist signage at Lambton View states cyclists should rejoin the carriageway and are signposted to cycle to Leamside and West Rainton by using this road. The position of the blue signage does not make it visible to motorists also joining Chantry Place from the A690. There is no blue signage at the Allenson View/Benridge Bank entrance to the village (which is correct, it's not an official cycle lane location but that also means no warning to motorists turning from the A690 there of cyclists within the village who have arrived or are leaving via the official cycle route).

I hope this idea is suitable and can be implemented, maybe similar signage on Station Road (which is a route the cycling signage indicates to use to reach Leamside) and along the section of School Ave between the school and rec (a high traffic area for children walking, on bikes and scooters) would be possible.