

AGENDA ITEM 13b

Dear Mr Todd,

I am writing to you because, as both a local resident and a Parish Councillor. I was given your name as a suitable contact person by Mr P Heaviside, our local County Councillor.

The purpose of this email is to seek support for a change of the speed limit signs for the residential section of Pittington Rd. FYI: I also live on this section of Pittington Rd.

The new traffic lights have finally solved the problem with the dangers of traffic crossing the A690, however, it has introduced a new hazard for Pittington Rd, due to the National Speed limit signs, shown below in the photo.



As the photos show, vehicles have a wide turn left lane for Pittington Rd, with a clear national Speed limit sign. Unfortunately, most drivers take as an indication that they are leaving the 50 mph limit of the A690 and entering a 60 mph zone.

My understanding of the highway code is that since this road is a built-up zone with houses on both sides of the road and permanent street lights the speed limit is 30 mph, but this is not evident to drivers leaving the A690.

Immediately, drivers round the corner there is a crossing point (for accessing the bus stop on the A690). I have personally, experienced a 'close call' with a fast driver rounding the corner – if this had been a wheelchair user or a mother with a push chair the outcome could have been very different.



Just after entering Pittington Rd is a dropped curb crossing point. (ringed in red)

Therefore, I request that Pittington Road has signs installed that are the same as the road on the opposite side of the traffic lights, Lambton View – i.e. 30 mph. We don't need to wait for a tragic accident to occur before this change is made.