

Item 28C ROAD SAFETY

In our cycling and walking travels around the UK we've encountered these signs along quiet routes.

Marks Lane is a lovely lane in our village used by walkers, dog walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Does it always feel like a friendly shared space? Sadly not, but very often it does when car and van drivers slow right down and give the rest of us a wide berth.

The behaviour of many walkers is a good indication of how friendly and shared the lane doesn't feel to them as they very rapidly move from road to verge as a car approaches.

I'm aware that the speed limit is 60 which seems utterly ridiculous given how narrow it is, with 90 degree bends and a bridge.

Ideally a 30mph limit would be welcomed by all who aren't in cars.

Would the Parish Council support the installation of suitable signage which makes visible to motorists that other road users are equally welcome to use the lane too, and that motorists don't necessarily have priority.

I raised this issue with our Councillors Alan Bell and Phil Heaviside when they attended our November Green Group meeting, and they suggested I make the request to yourselves.

On behalf of West Rainton Green Group

