

Thank you for the invite Sarah.

Sadly, I work away throughout the week, otherwise I would have attended to put my points across. I would appreciate it if this email can find its way to the meeting though.

A number of options were mentioned in the last correspondence, none of which included a simpler solution to the minority of speeding motorists. That being the introduction of a blanket 20 mph restriction on Ingleby Barwick.

To reiterate, when a road has a posted limit of 30mph or 20mph, it should be safe to travel at that limit without the risk of causing expensive damage to your car. I have spoken with many neighbours and friends on the estate who have suffered the same expensive suspension repairs as I.

Folks driving in and about the estate should be able to do so without the risk of causing damage to their vehicles.

Particularly on the darker evenings, it's easy to miss the presence of these humps and strike them at the posted limit. The result is usually memorable and often costly.

I would urge the committee at the meeting, to consider other applications to address those who speed, without penalizing and causing damage to those who abide to the posted limits.

Im confident that a 20mph limit would be the most cost effective solution. Whilst it may not curb everyone's appetite for speed, it's more likely to pull those travelling at 37-40 miles per hour, back down to 28-30 miles per hour.

Of course if stopped by the police, they would still be committing an offence, but an offence that is less likely to cause death, than had it been at speeds closer to 40mph.

I hope this makes some sense.

For the record, I've been a driver for almost 35 years. Im a member of the institute of advanced motorists, Cleveland advanced motorcycle club and the Teesside bikers group.

I hold licences for cars, motorcycles, vans, up to 7.5 tonnes with a trailer and H category from my time in the military. Although I'm not anticipating driving a tank in the near future !

I look forward to hearing back from the meeting and I'm remaining optimistic that a more simplified and pragmatic solution can be found as an alternative to more damaging speed humps.

Regards

Lee Copeland