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Dear Keith

Ms Gladys Southworth - Road safety concerns, Bretherton

Thank you for your email dated 20 May 2023, on behalf of Ms Southworth from Bretherton Parish Council, regarding road safety measures in Bretherton.

I was sorry to hear Ms Southworth is disappointed with our previous responses for requests for additional road safety measures. Working as part of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership, we take requests for safety engineering schemes, such as parking restrictions, very seriously. It is unfortunate that every year the number of requests we receive exceeds what we can implement. We are, therefore, required to consider and compare several factors on every request which allows us to prioritise the schemes that we take forward.

As you may be aware, the county council works closely with the police as part of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to target locations where casualties and speeds are higher. If there is an evidence-based speeding issue, we will look to introduce appropriate mitigation measures.

The result of the investigation of the casualty and speed data for Bretherton Road and Flag Lane, indicate that there is no clear speeding issue which would justify measures, which include speed humps, at this time.

However, there is a Community Toolkit which gives examples of how residents can raise awareness of speeding or road safety issues in their local area. The partnership's Speed Management Programme is updated monthly with newly assessed sites and includes the Community Toolkit information and is available on the [Lancashire Road Safety Partnership](#).

With regards to Ms Southworth's request for a fixed speed camera, the present policy of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership, whose partners include Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary, is that no more fixed speed cameras are to be provided at this time. The emphasis is much more on the use of mobile speed camera enforcement, which allows flexibility and for enforcement to take place on many more roads than at a single site.

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If Ms Southworth witnesses regular incidents of nuisance or dangerous driving, she can contact the police directly, either by their non-emergency telephone number: 101, or on the Lancashire Constabulary '[Do It Online](#)' webpage, ideally with a record of the registration numbers of the vehicles.

Ms Southworth can also submit footage directly to the police through Op SNAP, for their consideration. Op SNAP is a police response to the increasing submissions of video and photographic evidence from members of the public, in relation to witnessed driving offences. Further information regarding this service can be found online at: [Op SNAP Public Submission Of Dashcam Footage FAQs](#).

In relation to the request for a highway mirror attached to The Bungalow on Flag Lane, the county council receives many requests for mirrors on the highway. We will only consider these requests in accordance with advice from the Department for Transport (DfT). Whilst the addition of a highway mirror can often seem like a suitable solution, there are some occasions when they create additional driver risk. These can include: over reliance on the mirrors, lighting issues due to glaring sunlight or headlights, and damage or poor viability to the mirrored facing.

Finally, in accordance with regulations set out to us by the DfT, we are not permitted to introduce additional speed repeater signs in lit up areas as these are automatically 30mph. In addition, 'Please Drive Carefully' can only be incorporated on gateway signage which are already in place.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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