

Sarah

I have already given apologies for Wednesday so can I ask that this is forwarded to the new police sergeant for them to consider and they can then reply by email rather than in person. I have copied in ward colleagues and CC.

I have received this afternoon the latest SID speed data for the EBC device on Maunsell Way which was removed yesterday. This data always gets sent to the police, but I have tried to simplify it.

The attached hot off the press report provides 20 full days data for the speeding issue we discuss in the police report section at length at Hedge End Full Council - it is an issue for residents all over the town.

Each time we raise the matter we are, sorry to say, fobbed off - we are told resources are too limited (despite a further Council Tax PCC precept increase) while some irresponsible road users race around our roads, and we have got to the point where police seem to rely on a rarely seen volunteer Community Speedwatch alternative.

Just occasionally we are told a police camera can be in place at the end of a shift, well I can't say it never happens...but I have never been made aware of it.

There are a lot of numbers, averages, means, max and mins on the attached but the absolute numbers are the ones that matter. NOT averages. So I made a spreadsheet. Of course the majority of people drive within the speed limit, they aren't included, and I'm excluding close to 700 cars a day travel between 30 and 34mph.

What we should be focused on are the absolute numbers traveling over 35mph on a school and bus route. I walk the road – it can be scary. Each column is additional to the preceding column.

This is a 30mph legal speed limit.

This reports the number of vehicles travelling at the set speed shown and is the speed when the vehicle is first registered by the SID:

Date	Vehicles traveling 35-39mph	Vehicles traveling 40-44mph	Vehicles traveling 45-49mph	Vehicles traveling 50mph+
30/03/2022	89	5	3	0
31/03/2022	79	9	0	0
01/04/2022	108	9	4	1
02/04/2022	108	12	1	0
03/04/2022	81	5	1	0
04/04/2022	80	6	2	0
05/04/2022	93	11	0	1
06/04/2022	84	6	0	0
07/04/2022	101	5	0	0
08/04/2022	93	6	1	0
09/04/2022	86	11	2	0

10/04/2022	66	4	0	0
11/04/2022	75	7	1	0
12/04/2022	71	9	2	0
13/04/2022	85	13	1	0
14/04/2022	93	7	1	0
15/04/2022	112	14	2	0
16/04/2022	89	14	2	0
17/04/2022	64	10	0	0
18/04/2022	86	9	1	0
TOTAL	1743	172	24	2

The attached report breaks down hourly when the peaks are – it is not a secret, as I say these reports are routinely forwarded to the police but generally between 3pm and 7pm seem to be the worst times – just as children come home from school and commuters from work. Please do take a look at the timings.

It is frustrating when we are fobbed off and police resources are used as the excuse especially when police funding increases – there are times when our roads are becoming something out of the wild west – they need to be reclaimed and that really shouldn't be down to volunteers.

From my postbag residents of Grange Park expect better, I know colleagues have similar issues on their roads – but this happens to be very recent data to highlight a real issue.

Apologies, a long email to ask a simple question.

Could you let me know what the police are doing to reduce speed on our roads in view of the data provided?

(Having asked the question, can I suggest an answer? For Maunsell Way - A police speed camera in Britannia Gardens for an hour between 3pm and 7pm for 2 days a week. Repeat following week in Stanier Way. Word will soon get out. Repeat a month later. It would be a start. Repeat on Shamblehurst Lane South etc.)

Thank you and I look forward to your reply.

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