



**LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAY FORUM  
FOR HARBOROUGH**

**TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 4.30 PM**

**TO BE HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, HARBOROUGH  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES**

**AGENDA**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Pages</u>
1. Chairman's welcome	
2. Apologies for absence	
3. Any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda	
4. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda	
5. Minutes of the previous meeting	(Pages 5 - 12)
6. Chairman's update - Grass cutting	(Pages 13 - 16)
7. Presentation of petitions under Standing Order 36.	

A petition with 109 signatures from Ms Joan Gray will be presented. The petition requests that the speed limits in the Langtons be reduced to 40mph.

“On Tuesday 24th January at 4.30pm I witnessed an incident where a school child was very nearly hit by a car adjacent to the Bus Stop by the Cricket Pitch, Thorpe Langton, East Langton. Exactly a week later there was an accident in the same place, resulting in the driver having to be cut from his vehicle by the Fire Brigade. In December there was a crash at the cross roads by West Langton and a local school teachers’ car was written off. In each case these incidents were caused by the excessive speed of motorists travelling between Thorpe Langton and the B6047.

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The stretch of road, from the cross roads at the B6047 near West Langton, has a national speed limit of 60mph, but it is used by a wide range of vehicles to service the community. It is also regularly used by school children. This speed limit makes it a very dangerous stretch of road and there have been three Road Traffic Accidents in East Langton and a 'very near miss' involving a child in the last 6 weeks.

In addition, between the B6047 and just behind the East Langton turning there are 4 gateways in use, including into the Langton Stables, the turning at Church Causeway, a recognised footpath crosses the road, the "cut through" from the cricket pitch used by children and dog walkers, the bus stops, on both sides of the road, the turning into East Langton and finally the BT substation! It is a miracle no one has been seriously hurt or killed thus far. The road is frequently used by tractors, quad bikes, school buses, dustbin lorries, a milk float, post van, cyclists, horses and delivery vans along with high speed.

It is no exaggeration to say that it seems only to be a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or worse as a result of the excessive speeds of motorists travelling along this road, whether within or outside the speed limit. There are no traffic calming measures at all, and no warning signs, despite the presence of a designated bus stop and the use of the road by school children.

I am asking for your help to raise this issue with Leicester County Council and the Police, and encourage them to reduce the speed limit to 30mph and/or provide traffic calming measures and to possibly move the bus stop further away from the 'Give Way' at the top of East Langton. If a pedestrian is hit at the speed of 30mph they have an 80% chance of survival, at 60mph there is little chance of survival."

8. Response to petition: change the route of the Market  
Harborough town bus service No 33- so that it serves Knoll  
Street (Pages 17 - 24)
9. Highway Maintenance Strategy and Policy Review (Pages 25 - 62)
10. 2016/17 maintenance and improvements programmes -  
information item (Pages 63 - 68)
11. Programme of traffic regulation orders and signing and  
lining schemes - current position - information item (Pages 69 - 72)
12. On-going action statement - nothing to report
13. Items for future consideration

***Will Members please submit these in writing to the officers  
prior to the meeting***

14. Any other items the Chairman has decided is urgent
15. Date of the next meeting - Wednesday 12th July 2017  
(4.30pm) at Harborough District Council Offices
16. Chairman's closing remarks