



HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2024

QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 34

Question asked by Ms Jackson and Ms Perry on behalf of residents of Mountsorrel Cottages

“We are getting in touch regarding the number and severity of crashes along the B5118 Station Road, Stoney Stanton.

Please see attached graph, photos and a video of some of the crashes which have occurred in less than two years. Also attached is a statement prepared and presented to the Parish Council following the accident of 5th May 2024 by one of the residents of Mountsorrel Cottages.

This will help you to understand that not only the severity of the damage caused but also that the accident of 5th May 2024 was not an isolated incident.

In our opinion it is a miracle that to date no one has been killed.

From the information submitted you will understand the concerns of the residents of Mountsorrel Cottages.

The residents would like to know what immediate action Highways will take to resolve this situation before there is a fatality!”

Reply by the Chairman:

Following the most recent accident, a site visit was conducted to assess the existing highway conditions and the Council can confirm that there are village gateway signs, speed limit roundels and dragon teeth markings when entering into the village from Elmesthorpe. There is also a set of carriageway ‘SLOW’ markings and a junction warning sign opposite the private access road to Mountsorrel Cottages to make drivers aware of the change in surroundings and the start of village built up area. All these signs and road markings are in good and visible condition.

Appropriate records were checked which confirmed that a speed survey was conducted outside No. 9 Mountsorrel Cottages (Station Road) from 27th November to 4th December 2023. The survey results are as follows:

Direction	Mean Speed	85th Percentile
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Both Directions	27.1mph	32.2mph
South East Bound	26.5mph	31.4mph
North West Bound	27.6mph	33.1mph

When assessing if a road would be considered an area of concern, the police would normally advise that the 85th percentile of speed should be above the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) threshold for prosecution which is 35mph (speed limit + 10% + 2mph) in a 30mph speed limit. The results of the survey confirm that the mean and 85th percentile speeds are within the threshold of speed enforcement and are in very good compliance of the speed limit.

Leicestershire County Council as the local Highway Authority is responsible for the implementation of speed limits; however, enforcement of speed limits remains a matter for Leicestershire Police to undertake if drivers are not travelling at the posted limit. Residents can raise their concerns direct to the police and request to add Station Road into their community concern site list for mobile speed camera enforcement. Further information is available at <https://www.speedorsafety.com/community>.

A review of the most recent traffic collision data for last five years shows that no personal injury collisions have been recorded within a 50m radius of this collision. Any collision which does not result in injury is not recorded by the police; consequently, these are not passed to the County Council. The reportable injury collisions are the nationally agreed criteria and is the only set of comparable data that can be used to prioritise resources for road safety improvements.

The recent serious collision on Station Road is currently being investigated by the police and the preliminary enquiries suggest that the vehicle was being driven at speed in the night whilst entering into the village and hit the parked cars outside Mountsorrel Cottages (Station Road). The police investigation is currently ongoing, therefore, it is too early to draw any definite conclusions surrounding this collision.

Observations on site noted that there is rear access to Mountsorrel Cottages through the private access road, which, if the residents are mindful, could be utilised to park their vehicles off-street behind their houses.

It is appreciated that this is a very emotive subject for the residents, however, in this case the Highway Authority is satisfied there is nothing further that would alleviate the anti-social behaviour of a minority of motorists on the County Roads.

Reports of speeding/racing/anti-social behaviour should all be reported to the police.