



6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Mr Gillard,

### **Item 8: Road Casualty Reduction in Leicestershire**

I'm unable to attend your meeting but I would be grateful if you could bring the following to the attention of the meeting and offices to two matters:

#### **Vulnerable Road Users**

Para 42 a) **Pedestrians** – 11% fewer casualties overall in Leicestershire (compared to 9% decrease across Great Britain), but 11% more KSI (**37 total and six fatal**).

Six dead pedestrians a year is too many and over 36 seriously injured is far too many. These figures must be counted against the fewer people that choose to walk or cycle because of the perceived danger.

#### **20mph Zones**

*97. The guidance set out by the DfT suggests the mean speed for a village road that is being considered for a 20mph speed limit/zone should be at or below 24mph. 24mph is the suggested speed since it falls in the lower end of the 20's and, 29 therefore, the implementation of a 20mph limit would be self-enforcing, such as without the need for any physical traffic calming measures.*

I would like to make a personal plea for my town centre to be considered for such measures, as recently introduced to Wards End. My particular concern is Ashby Road **from Radmoor Road to Ashby Square**. I cross this road several times a week and I am sure it meets the criteria without the need for any physical traffic calming measures (welcome though they may be).

As your officers will know this length of road is heavily used by students and other pedestrians and cyclists, and sometimes used a frustrated motorist (or joy rider) who decides to scare the living daylight out of the community.

Many thanks,

Max Hunt  
County Councillor for Loughborough NW

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