

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Olivia Bailey, MP for Reading West and Mid Berkshire. Olivia has received an enquiry from a constituent concerning speeding and dangerous driving along the mid-section of The Street in Mortimer. We are contacting you because, as a parish council, you may have a comment on this issue around things like a speedwatch campaign? I reproduce the email below. Olivia has also contacted West Berkshire Council and Thames Valley Police.

Olivia would be grateful for a response that she can share directly with the constituent.

*"I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my ongoing concern regarding the persistent issue of speeding and dangerous driving along the mid-section of The Street (Mortimer, RG7 3PE), which I and many others in our community have been experiencing daily.*

*There have been numerous accidents on this road, some of which have resulted in serious injury and damage to property, with emergency services having to attend incidents including:*

- 1. December 2024, a drunk driver crashing into the front garden of Estate Yard Cottage near the junction of The Street/Pitfield Lane*
- 2. December 2023, a young driver crashed into the telegraph pole & hedge opposite Monktons, The Street*
- 3. December 2018, a speeding van forced a car off the road into a tree, by Strawberry Fields, The Street*
- 4. October 2018, a stolen car crashed into the telegraph pole & front hedge of Stuarts Court/Clifton, The Street*
- 5. June 2016, speeding car crashes into wall (not the first time this homeowner has had to repair the wall due to speeding cars crashing into it)*
- 6. February 2013, car pushed 20 meters, across a driveway and into a wall, by a speeding car*

*- with many more near misses.*

*Despite residents raising this issue in the past, it seems that no long-term solution has been implemented - Police speed camera vans do occasionally set up, further down The Street by the school, but mostly during the times when the Street is congested with school traffic resulting in slower movements anyway. From early evening right through*

*to 8am, The Street is like a race track and with this part of The Street only being paved on one side, many of the residents take their life into their hands every time they want to reach the pavement; manoeuvring in and out of driveways, on two blind bends is also perilous.*

*The existing road sign on the junction of Pitt Lane/The Street is also in a poor state and despite residents raising this to WBC on 23rd October 2023 and again 3<sup>rd</sup>\* April 2024, still hasn't been fixed and both reports "closed" without any actual action.*

*We'd be more than happy for a temporary speed camera to be set up in our driveway so the dangerous speeds being reached in this stretch of road can be recorded, if that would help to trigger some longer term speed reduction measures."*

Kind regards,

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Caseworker for Olivia Bailey