

Review ePetition

Title: Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the Council to carry out a road safety review along the A167 and A690 in the Nevilles Cross, Crossgate Moor and Whitesmocks areas with a view to reducing the speed limit along these roads and improving pedestrian and road user safety.

Justification:

The A167 and A690 run through residential areas and pass next to, or near 3 schools. A 40mph limit is therefore totally unsuitable and a real danger to road users and pedestrians alike.

This request is in keeping with the introduction of reduced speed limits around other schools in County Durham (20mph in some cases) and supports other incentives to encourage school children to walk to school to help reduce obesity.

There have been many accidents along these roads (and fatalities) and a reduction in speed can only lead to a reduction in accidents along with the potential to save...

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Submitted by: Peter Boughton

Status: Completed

Date submitted: 20/04/2017

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ePetition Admin: Your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review posted on Tuesday 25 July 2017

With reference to your Online petition request Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review

Dear Mr Boughton

Petition 307 – Neville's Cross 30 mph and road safety review

Further to previous correspondence relating to this petition, I have received the following update from the Traffic Asset Senior Engineer:-

Thank you for contacting us requesting that a review be undertaken on the A167 and A690 in the Neville's Cross area of Durham City.

Road Safety

Throughout the length of the A167 between Merryoaks and Sniperley, there is provision made for pedestrians to cross the A167 comprising numerous pedestrian refuge islands, traffic signals with pedestrian phases, a toucan crossing and two footbridges.

Having checked the Road Traffic Accident database, there are 'personal injury' accidents recorded on the section of road in question. These accidents are mainly associated with the traffic signals at the Duke of Wellington, Neville's Cross and Crossgate Moor involving junction-related accidents and rear end shunts. Of the accidents which have occurred, none were identified by Police investigation as involving excessive speed as a contributory factor in the incident. Two of the accidents involved pedestrians. However, these were attributable to pedestrian error where the adult stepped out into the flow of traffic at Neville's Cross signals without looking properly.

Whilst we would wish to see no accidents on the road network, it has to be appreciated that the A167 carries in excess of 20,000 vehicles per day and incidents which generally have a causation of 'driver error' is comparable to much of the road network nationally.

The Council is currently making changes to the islands at Neville's Cross traffic signals to improve the crossing facilities. This work will be followed by refurbishment of the signals and resurfacing of the junction and Neville's Cross Bank.

Speed Limits

The Council is required to follow Department for Transport (DfT) legislation and guidance to ensure that speed limits are credible with the aim that they become self-evident and enforcing by virtue of their surroundings. During the review process various factors and criteria are considered and evaluated, such as:

- Existing vehicle speeds;
- Nature of the road and its surroundings;
- Local needs;
- Existing highway infrastructure;
- New housing development;
- Highway signs;
- Road markings and street lighting;
- The various road users;
- The credibility of the speed limit; and
- Accident history.

A speed limit which lacks credibility results in a significant proportion of motorists ignoring the limit and driving at even higher speeds, and can also lead to greater risk taking. The majority of drivers will travel at what they

consider is a credible speed for their environment, with the average speed being a good indicator.

The current 40mph speed limit has been reviewed in accordance with DfT guidance and is considered a credible speed limit for this location. This is due to many factors including the properties along this length being set well back from the road, the width of the road, the good pedestrian crossing facilities, the function of the road as a primary route, the existing speed profiles, the general road environment and favourable accident history.

20mph Speed Limits and Zones

The Council has reviewed its policy on 20mph speed limits and zones and this review was approved by our Cabinet on 17th December 2014. Please see the Cabinet report at the following link:

<http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=154&Mid=7384&Ver=4>

Please see the updated 20mph Speed Limits and Zones Policy at the following link:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/media/9203/20mph-Speed-Limits-and-Zones-Policy-2016/pdf/20mphSpeeLimitsandZonesPolicy2016.pdf>

As part of the above review our Cabinet approved the implementation of 20mph part-time speed limits around 33 schools within County Durham and this has been extended to include 66 schools within County Durham.

We are pleased to confirm that Neville's Cross Primary School is included within the School's 20mph Part-Time Speed Limit Project for implementation this financial year.

Please see the Cabinet update report on the Schools 20mph Part-Time Speed Limits Project at the following web link:

<http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/documents/s61900/Item8FinalSchools%2020%20mph%20Part-Time%20Speed%20Limits%20Project%202.pdf>

The Council's policy on 20mph limits and zones is that they can be provided where:

- Where meet Department for Transport legislation and guidance; and
- Fully funded from third party sources such as Schools, Town/Parish Councils, local Councilor's Neighbourhood Budget and Area Action Partnerships.

If you would like to discuss further please contact David Battensby, Traffic Asset Senior Engineer, on telephone number 03000 263681 or by email at david.battensby@durham.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Ros Layfield

Committee, Member and Civic Services Manager

Copy for the attention of:

Councillors L Brown & E Scott (Local Member)

Councillor B Stephens (Cabinet Portfolio Holder)

Councillor R York (Cabinet Support)

Councillor C Kay & S Morrison (Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Highways Committee)

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ePetition Admin: Your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review has now completed posted on Monday 3 July 2017

Your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review has now completed.

Thank you for your message regarding the paper petition to accompany this e-petition. Councillor Brown will deliver this to County Hall and it will be considered together with your e-petition. A response will be prepared and sent to you by the end of the month.

It has received 184 responses.

Click the link below to see your completed Online petition:

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Durham County Council Committee Services

ePetition Admin: Thank you for resubmitting your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review posted on Sunday 2 July 2017

Thank you for resubmitting your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review

A member of our team will review your request soon and either approve it or contact you to discuss it. You will be kept informed of progress by email.

You can see the current status of your Online petition or send us a message from the link:

[Your Online petition](#)

Regards

Durham County Council Committee Services

Peter Boughton: Your petition request: Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review posted on Sunday 2 July 2017

Below is a copy of the note you have submitted in relation to you ePetition request to Durham County Council Committee Services

Hi

In addition to these signatures we have collected a further 133 on hard copy sheets.

These are with Liz Brown and Liz Scott, Nevilles Cross Councillors, who will be following up with yourselves. Thank you.

Regards

Peter Boughton

ePetition Admin: Your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review has now completed posted on Friday 30 June 2017

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ePetition Admin: Your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review posted on Friday 5 May 2017

With reference to your Online petition request Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review

Dear Mr Boughton

There are currently 76 signatures. To view the e-petitions page please see the link below:-

<https://democracy.durham.gov.uk/mgePetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

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Durham County Council Committee Services

Peter Boughton: Your petition request: Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review posted on Thursday 4 May 2017

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Hi

Is there a way I can see how many people have voted to date?

If not can you please advise current total.

Thank you

Regards

Peter

ePetition Admin: The Online petition 'Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review' supporting responses threshold now met. posted on Thursday 27 April 2017

The Online petition 'Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review' has now received 10 supporting responses from a total of 10 as follows:

Agree: 10 responses

Click the link below to send us a message:

<http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/mgEPetitionReview.aspx?id=117>

Regards

Durham County Council Committee Services

ePetition Admin: Your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review is now active posted on Thursday 27 April 2017

Your Online petition Nevilles Cross 30mph and road safety review is now active and will run from 20 Apr 2017 to 30 Jun 2017

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Regards

Durham County Council Committee Services

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