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Parish Clerks of Warboys and Pidley cum Fenton Parish Councils

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Dear Roy/Tracey,

Over the many years we have been carrying out kerbside traffic-monitoring operations we have observed that, in the main - whilst determined, irresponsible drivers will speed everywhere at any time because they believe there is now no consequence for doing so - most normally-responsible drivers speed in a community (mostly inadvertently by reading the road as presented) for a combination of 2 basic reasons:

1. **Because they physically can And**
2. **Because they are not aware (or have not been made aware) of any hazards that lie ahead and believe the road is clear.**

REASON #1 – BECAUSE THEY CAN

As responsible/responsive Parish Councils you have attempted to address Reason #1 with an LHI bid for which we await the outcome in Mar 19. Even if successful your measure(s) will not be installed until July 19. In the meantime, Fenton residents – mainly school children debussed in Warboys – continue to cross at the limit change and are at deadly risk with killer speeds being recorded at every hour of the daylight day (recent alarming Logger outbound data for just 48 hrs along Fenton Rd at Post L12 are at Annex A). As we approach GMT, when the children de-bus in the dark, these children – mainly under 14 years of age and unable to accurately judge speeds over 20 mph See [HERE](#) - will be put at greater risk because downhill traffic just will not see them until it's too late. Max speed downhill entering the 40 zone has been 103 mph and entering Warboys 101 mph. See the videos [HERE](#) or come out with us on a session to see that these dangers are real and not hypothetical.

REASON #2 – BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT AWARE (OR HAVE NOT BEEN MADE AWARE)

If you recall, we identified this problem earlier (in 2017) and came up with the experienced assistance of Brian Murdock (our LHO) with a signage solution costing an estimated tops of £1500. We also had a generous offer of £150 from the Regional Dalrod Manager who came out with us and recounted his experience on his Facebook portal [HERE](#). From our endeavours in grateful Cambs villages and a couple of quantification projects we have undertaken for Mick George Ltd we now have sufficient funds donated to cover the FULL cost of this much-needed, urgent measure. **We may seek more sponsorship.** None of our volunteers are paid except for a little something towards fuel expenses; thus, any end-of-year surplus generated is used for the benefit and safety of the communities we serve whether or not their Parish Councils support CRW or have donated to it.

POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH LHI MEASURES

When our idea for these signs was first mooted in 2017 it was delayed in case it interfered with the LHI measure that was being proposed that year. When that failed we ended up with neither the measure nor the signage. The same might happen again, leaving the children exposed to deadly danger with nothing having been achieved to address it in over 2 years. Consequently, this time we have a 'Plan B' should the signs become superfluous should your LHI bid be successful. We would remove the signs for use on a similar project in another village, and use the posts for SIDs for which they would be ideally placed for that purpose. If the signs can be part of your scheme, all the better.

CRW-FUNDED PROPOSAL FOR WARBOYS & PIDLEY CUM FENTON PARISH COUNCILS

As it has the absolute power to do so,

We request Warboys and Pidley cum Fenton Parish Councils to approve and Warboys Parish Council to immediately instigate – as a Parish Project - the installation of appropriate and meaningful ‘Pedestrians Crossing’ signs* on Fenton Road, at locations advised by the LHO, to alert drivers to the hazards of people, especially children under 14, crossing the road ahead at the Limit change.

Community Roadwatch(UK) CIC No 10085683 (CRW) – that should be co-opted to lead or co-lead the Project Team - will underwrite the FULL cost of this project with no obligation on either Parish Council to contribute to it and, if required, CRW will lodge £1500 with Warboys Parish Council, at the outset to cover the project costs with any underspend once settled being returned to CRW for reassignment.

Regards,

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***Suggested signs to be installed in Fenton to alert uphill traffic and in Warboys just before the (blind) downhill bend commences. Signs of type:**



