

Petitions received under Standing Order 44 - Cabinet – 27 July 2024

Issue	No. of Signatories	Date Received	Action recommended under the Petitions Scheme
<p>Residents feel that the speed humps on High Street, Great Houghton have become an inconvenience and a hazard. The speed humps were installed to slow down traffic and increase safety. However, they have proven to be more vehicle-unfriendly than anticipated. They cause damage to vehicles and can potentially lead to accidents due to sudden braking or swerving.</p> <p>We believe that there are alternative solutions available which can ensure both the safety of pedestrians and smooth passage for vehicles. In other parts of UK such as Wiltshire and Kent, councils have successfully implemented 'speed cushions' which are considered more vehicle-friendly while still effectively slowing down traffic (source: Road Safety GB).</p> <p>Therefore, we urge Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to take immediate action either by modifying these speed humps into a safer design or removing them altogether.</p>	<p>220 signatories (comprising 103 within Borough and 117 outside with 25 on paper and remainder via Change.org)</p>	<p>21 May 2024</p>	<p>The petition was passed to Damon Brown, Network Manager, at an evening meeting arranged by ward members to discuss this issue. Following the meeting the Traffic Team have undertaken an assessment of road safety on High Street, Great Houghton and no collision cluster sites or speeding issues have been identified. The existing speed cushions are an effective form of traffic calming. The Traffic Team will discuss suitable methods for maintaining the cushions. The southbound approach to the village has been added to the Speed Indicator Device deployment rota. No other action can be supported by the Council at this time.</p>