

# Area Committee 5

## Public Forum



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## AREA COMMITTEE 5

### 10 NOVEMBER 2022

### PUBLIC FORUM

#### Question

Please can you give an update on the progress of the pedestrian crossing between St Lukes Road Steps and Victoria Park on St Lukes Road?

Many thanks for your help with this.

Best wishes

Suzanne Audrey

Chair of TRESA

#### Answer

The public engagement exercise that took place in July and August this year showed that over 80% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with a zebra crossing in the proposed location 27m south of the St Luke's Road steps. The detailed results from the survey should now be available in full on the Ask Bristol website ([www.ask.bristol.gov.uk](http://www.ask.bristol.gov.uk)). Given this level of support from the community, Local Councillors have given their backing to this proposal and the preliminary design has now been given technical approval by officers. The next stage will be to publish a Statutory Notice to advertise our intention to install a crossing in this location. This is a legal process and gives anyone the opportunity to raise a formal objection to the proposed crossing. This takes some time to prepare. If approved, the detailed design will then be undertaken to finalise the precise details of the design before a contractor can be appointed to undertake the work (potentially Spring 2023).

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### Statement 1

Hi, I would like to submit a statement of approval for Newbridge Road being considered for CIL funding in the Brislington East Ward.

I live very close to this road I've witnessed consistent dangerous driving and furthermore it lies between a park and woodland area with schools nearby which makes it extra likely for children to be involved in accidents on this road.

Samuel William Marsh

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### Statement 2

Hello

This is a statement of support for speed calming measures to Newbridge Road BS4.

I live in the road with 2 small children and the speeding is terrifying and extremely dangerous.

I fully support measures to calm this road.

Sincerely

Dory Walker

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### Statement 3

Good afternoon,

Please see the below statement from Kerry McCarthy MP supporting the CIL bid for road improvements on Newbridge Road, ahead of the Area 5 Committee meeting.

*“Numerous constituents have contacted me expressing their concerns about speeding in Brislington. Particular worries have been raised about the risk speeding motorists pose to children walking to and from school. On my visits to Brislington I have witnessed this first hand and am well aware that Newbridge Road is a particular hotspot, as the route is often used by drivers as a rat-run.*

*I have relayed complaints to Avon and Somerset Police on several occasions. The police have conducted speed enforcement in the area but the issue persists. Bristol City Council has said that the best chance of installing traffic calming infrastructure that slows down motor traffic would be through the Area Committee.*

*For these reasons, I am writing to express my support for the bid for Community Infrastructure Levy funding for road safety improvements on Newbridge Road. These improvements are sorely needed and could save a child’s life.”*

Best wishes,

Marley Bennett

Office of Kerry McCarthy

Labour MP for Bristol East

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Statement 4

Dear Sir/Miss

I live near the area mentioned and walk my children to school and the speed of the cars is a real issue and believe urgent traffic calming measures on Newbridge/Wick Road. Can I lobby for the funds to be spend on this development.

Thanks

Martin Lee

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Statement 5

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am getting in touch to express my support for plans to introduce traffic calming on Newbridge and Wick Roads.

I moved to Newbridge Road in 2014 and since then have seen a dramatic increase in traffic. I have also since then had two children and have a heightened awareness to the traffic in the area as a result. There is a particular problem with the speed of traffic, despite it being a 20mph area this is rarely adhered to. Especially on the run down to the traffic lights and by the park where to road is straight.

The lack of dropped curbs in the area makes crossing the road, for example between the park and the woods, really difficult with push chairs or kids bikes/scooters etc. The process is slow and having to do this with speeding cars whizzing pass is unsafe and stressful.

Recently a member of the public was knocked down in this stretch and had to be air lifted to hospital.

There are always incidents of aggressive horn honking going on outside my home on a daily basis due to too many people trying to use the road too quickly as a rat run. Traffic calming would ensure people driving were doing so at a safe speed and could potentially deter some of the traffic from using the route as a cut through.

I would happily expand on any of the above if more or required. Please let me know if this is the case, and what aspects you would like more detail on.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Daw

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Statement 6

I am writing in support of the proposal to install traffic calming measures to Newbridge Road.

I have lived on Newbridge Road for 3 years and have been shocked and horrified by the number of accidents on the road in this short time. I believe speeding is now worse than it was pre pandemic on the road and shows no signs of reduction.

My youngest child attends Wicklea Primary school and was desperate to start walking by herself this year now she is in year 6. We feel it is however far too dangerous for her to cross and walk along Newbridge road. My Eldest does have to cross the Road to walk to her secondary school which causes us great concern. Her friends recently witnessed a very nasty accident on their way to school where a pedestrian was hit by a car.

This is just one example as there have been countless other accidents, all of which have involved speeding cars. Local residents have taken to parking their cars on both sides of the road which although helped in the beginning has now seemed to fuel the speeding drivers anger and resulted in abusive and threatening behaviour towards residents.

I feel that the above demonstrates the seriousness of the situation and that if nothing is done there will be even graver examples in the future. This fills me with fear for the safety of my family and those of my community.

Yours sincerely,

Tanya Chowdhury

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### Statement 7

Good afternoon,

I'm a resident of BS4. I enjoy walking around the local area for exercise and my mental health however in the winter my partner and I walk single file along the corner of Newbridge Road past St Anne's Park as we know there have been some horrific car accidents and people speeding along there very regularly. We worry that a car will come up onto the pavement as it zooms around.

We enjoy walking through St Anne's Park and into St Anne's Wood, however crossing by the park entrance over Newbridge Road to the entrance of the Woods is always a risky decision. Having the entrance to the recreation park right by the corner on a 'main road' seems bonkers.

Residents have taken to parking on both sides of the street on Newbridge Road to help slow the traffic and remind drivers about the 20-mph speed limit with posters in their windows, and I think both of these things help. However, it's surprising that residents need to take this sort of action to ensure the safety of other road and pavement users.

Please do install traffic calming measures, we don't want it to take a serious accident to have them put in place.

Thank you for your time and for reading my email.

Thank you,

Best wishes

Kate Phillips

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Statement 8

We have lived here for 7 years and have seen the dramatic impact of high speeds both on our own road and the newbridge road/wick road corridor. I walk my child to school along newbridge road and find it frightening to attempt to cross the road as people speed so dangerously along here. The junctions along the newbridge road are also particularly scary to exit. There have been several accidents along the stretch of road and people see the straight stretch of newbridge road a justification to go at very high speeds.

Traffic calming measures and safe crossing points are desperately needed for everyone in the local community. Those people trying to walk or cycle in the area are at high risk and only physical works to slow motorists will help. People who have no choice to cross newbridge road to attend school or doctor appointments have no choice to avoid dangerous drivers. I find it very hard to cross while pushing a pram. There are no dipped curbs or central crossing points/zebra crossings. The residents of st Anne's, st Anne's park, brislington and broomhill will all benefit from these works as it is this main road in the forgotten corner of south east Bristol which traverses our community, effectively cutting it in two. The works cannot wait for years until the A4 corridor works take place and they are needed urgently.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we all hope the submission will be taken seriously.

Yours faithfully,

Laura Batham-Lee

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Statement 9

I am emailing to ask that Newbridge and Wick Road be considered for CIL funding for traffic calming measures. I have lived on Rugby Road with my husband and young daughter for years and have noticed the drastic increase in people speeding and driving aggressively since we have been here. There have been a few near misses with people not stopping in time at the zebra crossings and I fear it is only a matter of time before there is a fatal accident. It is especially worrying with so many schools nearby.

I appreciate there is huge demand across Bristol for this funding but I believe that traffic calming measures in this location will make residents feel much safer and potentially save a life/serious injury.



Kind regards,

Emily

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Statement 10

I am writing in support of the traffic calming measures on Newbridge Road and Wick Road.

My wife and I have lived on Newbridge Road for over seven years and now have a young family. However, during this time we have witnessed the steadily worsening of speeding and aggressive driving on Newbridge Road, to a point where near misses with vehicles are a regular occurrence. I have become increasingly concerned of the dangers the road is likely to pose to my family in the future should the situation be allowed to continue.

We live on the bend at the northern end of Newbridge Road and have one of the few properties with a driveway. The long sweeping bend, coupled with the excessive speeding, means we regularly run the gauntlet when having to pull out or onto our driveway. On several instances I have had close calls with speeding motorists who have had to brake sharply and skid to avoid broadsiding my vehicle.

I frequently witness vans and cars travelling in excess of 30 or even 40 mph on this road despite the numerous 20mph speed limit signs which are simply ignored. This has resulted in several accidents in the past few years including damaged to parked cars, cars mounting footpaths or veering off into adjacent woodland, and most recently, a collision with a pedestrian. Personally, whilst travelling with my wife and new born son, I narrowly avoided a head on collision with a on-coming car travelling too fast at the notorious bend at the entrance to St Annes Park.

This section of road is frequently used by school children walking or riding bikes to school at Wicklea Academy or St Annes primary, not to mention the obvious crossing point children will take between the park and St Annes Wood or Nightingale Valley. At a time when using alternative means of transport has never been so important, as well as wanting our children to grow up feeling safe to explore and cross the road between recreational / amenity areas and green spaces.

I believe significant improvements are required and are needed urgently, from the Whitby Road/St Annes Road junction in the north, down through Wick Road, in order to drastically reduce vehicle speeds, change driver behaviours and encourage drivers to use the wider, 30 mph routes available in the surrounding area instead of taking rat-runs and short cuts through our neighbourhood.

I fully support the need for traffic calming measures for Newbridge Road/ Wick Road.

Yours faithfully

Mr Daw

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Statement 11

I am writing to add my support to the idea of traffic calming measures on Newbridge/Wick Road, specifically near the entrance to St Annes Park.

I regularly cross between St Annes Woods and the park itself and it is a regular occurrence for cars to speed along this stretch of road. Almost no cars stick to the 20mph limit and there is no safe way to cross this road currently.

Thanks

James Cook

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### Statement 12

Hello,

I am writing in support of traffic calming measures on Newbridge rd/ wick road near St.Anne's park.

This road is a death trap waiting to happen and I had to write because I don't want it to be my son or daughter. Cars speed along this road all the time and it's next to the park and Wicklea primary school, so there's lots of children about trying to cross it.

Please put some funds towards traffic calming measures and another pedestrian crossing.

Thank you,

Anna Kavar

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### Statement 13

Hi there,

I fully support funding for traffic calming measures on Newbridge/Wick Road.

I use the stretch of road on the entrance to St Annes park to take my kids to school (either walking or on a bicycle) almost every day, and I think it's fair to say about 80% of people using this road drive well in excess of the 20mph speed limit. I've seen some people even driving about twice, or three times that speed!

Crossing the road is a struggle due to the speed people go, and I do not feel safe riding a bike along there either.

An important note to make: I would like to see ways of reducing speed (that don't involve speed bumps - we all know they are useless as people just fly over them), but what I would really like to see is **proper pedestrian AND segregated cycling infrastructure put in place** at the same time.

Active travel is incredibly important in this day and age - what with climate concerns, the cost of living, and the recently introduced CAZ - and this is an excellent opportunity to put something in place that is properly planned and implemented, and protects the lives of those using the road as a means of getting from A to B.

Bristol is sorely lacking in proper cycling infrastructure in the surrounding suburbs (heck, I'd say it's lacking in the city), and we need to get people out of their cars and into more sustainable forms of transport.

Thanks for your time, I am happy to chat more at a later date if you need me to.

Best regards, and I look forward to BCC making our neighborhood a safer and more enjoyable place to live.

Nick Odantzis

Freelancer — road.cc & Cycling News

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#### Statement 14

#### **Statements from the Community Speed Watch group and other residents of Newbridge and Wick Roads, Brislington, in support of the CIL bid for speed calming measures along the road.**

##### 1

We are seeking CIL funding for the installation of road infrastructure to reduce speeding and improve safety on Wick & Newbridge Road in light of an increase in worrying Community Speed Watch data, traffic accidents and residents' concerns. Pedestrians must cross the road for access to the schools, doctors' surgery, local shops and green spaces, and with speeds exceeding the recommended 20 MPH limit, plus limited pedestrian crossings, safety is of high concern.

Our evidence base consists of qualitative and quantitative data, for example data from Community Speed Watch sessions; Avon & Somerset Police's data capture box and mobile Speed Enforcement Unit; multiple reports from concerned residents who have witnessed unsafe driving; have been involved in accidents themselves or have had property damaged on the road. Our statement draws on the quantitative data we have captured, and we have collated qualitative statements from residents which are supplied below.

The recently published 'WICK ROAD / NEWBRIDGE ROAD (RS15002) FEASIBILITY STUDY INTO SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE ROUTE' recommended a package of speed reduction measures be adopted to the estimated value of £300,000. We are seeking a fraction of that to have an impact as soon as possible.

We liaised with Avon & Somerset Police and were instrumental in having a Data Capture Box installed on Wick Road in December 2021, which reported 40% drivers over the threshold (with a total of nearly 32,000 drivers).

We have 5 years of Community Speed Watch data, in collaboration with Avon & Somerset Police, which shows the following;

- the percentage of drivers exceeding the 20mph limit across the force averages circa 8%
- the percentage of drivers exceeding the 20mph in Bristol averages circa 11%

- but the percentage of drivers exceeding the 20mph limit on Wick & Newbridge Roads averages 30-40% at every single Community Speed Watch session.

Our most recent session on the 29th of October recorded 46% of drivers exceeding the speed limit in a 1 hour. It's not just the volume of speeders that is concerning but the speeds recorded, which can be up to 60mph (even when we've been fortunate to have our local PSCO present).

The facts speak for themselves, and we are passionate about making Newbridge & Wick Roads safe for all who use it. The CIL funding would be an enormous step in the right direction.

Many thanks,  
Chloe & Lucy, Community Speed Watch group coordinators.

The following statements are from residents of Newbridge Road and have been submitted unedited on their behalf by the Community Speed Watch Group. Each statement is from one individual or household.

## 2

I was recently hit by a motorist near the bend by St Annes park, it was 8am on a bright sunny morning, I had just dropped my daughter off at nursery and decided to walk through the park. I know the bend so I made sure I crossed further up giving enough line of sight for the driver. I didn't do anything different that day, I was not late for work or otherwise in a rush.

However I was hit by a car which has caused considerable damage to my lower leg, lower arm and skull which required air ambulance attendance and a 7hr operation. As I'm sure you can imagine the impact on every part of my life has been huge, as well as that of my young family, my work and the NHS. I am very lucky to have these brilliant kind people around me as well as being relatively young and physically fit.

Without the support of those people and the people on the scene, my quality of life would be significantly detrimentally affected, not just physically (although that is likely to be ongoing issue for me) but financially and for my families emotional wellbeing.

My point is I am young, fit and aware of the world around me. The driver was not over the alcohol limit. There are others in a much less fortunate situation either age/health or support from work/family, there are children heading into the entrance to the park, people on scooters.

This is not the first incident, and speed will always be the most important factor, physical traffic restrictions are needed if you want to cars to slow down.

Ian Houlden

## 3

The consistent speeding on Newbridge Road and Wick Road continues to impact the quality of life of it's residents. Whilst the majority of roads suffer from the blight of drivers ignoring the rules, our 2 roads are consistently the worst in Bristol.

This is evidenced by:

1. Details published in local press showing Newbridge Road in the top six for active speed camera offences for the region, the five roads above Newbridge all had fixed speed cameras, including the M32, whereas Newbridge Road's offences were recorded from the occasional visits by a mobile Police speed camera van.
2. Avon and Somerset Roads Policing described Newbridge Road as '**...our busiest mobile Bristol enforcement site!...despite pristine signage, many cyclists & lots of crossing school children...**' On the day of this quote, they recorded an incredible 132 offences in just 2 hours.
3. There is also a dedicated local Community Speedwatch Group. Their findings not only show on Newbridge Road and Wick Road the highest proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit across the Avon & Somerset Police area, it's almost double the next highest number recorded by other Speedwatch Groups.

The impact of this includes:

- I. My own vehicle had been hit 6 times on Newbridge Road before being written off by another speeding motorist this year, along with his own car and another neighbour's vehicle. He was overtaking a van which was observing the 20 mph limit and lost control.
- II. Tailgating and overtaking are a common occurrence whilst I'm travelling within the 20 mph limit.
- III. Pedestrians have been hit numerous times, including one recently who needed air lifting to hospital and suffered life changing injuries.
- IV. Cyclists suffer the same, with one being hit and thrown into a parked car by another car travelling at high speed.
- V. The St Annes Wood park railings are rarely seen intact, they are hit frequently with vehicles leaving the road at high speed. The cost of the railings and street furniture repairs in Newbridge Road over recent months probably exceed the cost of the requested speed calming measures and the cost of the necessary frequent attendance by the Police speed camera van certainly will.
- VI. The cost of Police attendance at the frequent accidents on the road only adds to this and the cost of the aforementioned serious injury alone would, I guess, have cost more than £100,000 for the police, ambulance, helicopter and hospital care.

Overall, these 2 roads are evidenced as the worst in Bristol for drivers exceeding the speed limit and the impact on the lives of its residents remains horrendous.

Keith Young

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We have lived on Newbridge Road since 1990 and have witnessed accidents on a regular basis which have included injury to neighbours, damage to cars & to property.

With two schools and a nursery in close proximity, there is a large footfall of parents and young children each morning and afternoon. We have also seen a growth in community use of St Annes Park, which although very welcome, has also added to the numbers of pedestrians on Newbridge Road.

We believe that the present layout of the road encourages many drivers to accelerate after ascending the hill in the west, or turning the corner by St Annes Park in the east. This long stretch of road regularly sees cars exceed the speed limit of 20 mph, a fact borne out by the presence of a police speed camera van on a weekly basis.

We feel that present signage advising of the 20 mph speed limit is inadequate, with one sign on the St Annes Woods side often obscured by trees during the summer. We believe that the only effective action would be the installation of traffic calming measures that force drivers to stop at specific point(s) along Newbridge Road.

Regards  
Julie & Chris Clements

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I am writing in support of the proposal to install traffic calming measures to Newbridge Road.

I have lived on Newbridge Road for 3 years and have been shocked and horrified by the number of accidents on the road in this short time. I believe speeding is now worse than it was pre pandemic on the road and shows no signs of reduction.

My youngest child attends Wicklea Primary school and was desperate to start walking by herself this year now she is in year 6. We feel it is however far too dangerous for her to cross and walk along Newbridge road. My Eldest does have to cross the Road to walk to her secondary school which causes us great concern. Her friends recently witnessed a very nasty accident on their way to school where a pedestrian was hit by a car.

This is just one example as there have been countless other accidents, all of which have involved speeding cars. Local residents have taken to parking their cars on both sides of the road which although helped in the beginning has now seemed to fuel the speeding drivers anger and resulted in abusive and threatening behaviour towards residents.

I feel that the above demonstrates the seriousness of the situation and that if nothing is done there will be even graver examples in the future. This fills me with fear for the safety of my family and those of my community.

Yours sincerely,  
Tanya Chowdhury

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### Statement 15

Dear Sir/madam

With regards to the proposed traffic calming measures on Newbridge/wick Rd. BS4. I am a resident of Newbridge rd and fully support any measures to calm and slow down traffic on it. I have children who walk along this route and need to cross Newbridge Rd at some point to get to their school. I am therefore in strong agreement that crossings also need to be installed either by the park where children often cross or near it. The junction at Newbridge rd/St annes park rd is very dangerous as there are 3 directions of traffic turning and lots of children and parents trying to cross at the same time. I have seen accidents on this junction, fortunately only involving cars but a person being hit and seriously hurt is only a matter of time.

I look forward to a positive outcome for our neighbourhood.

Claire Sellwood

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### Statement 16

Traffic calming measures for Wick Road/Newbridge Road

I wanted to submit a statement in support of traffic calming measures on Wick and Newbridge Road. The area has multiple schools and a park and is a residential area but unfortunately not everyone treats it as such and the speeds at which people drive are incredibly dangerous for any area, but especially in what should be a family friendly 20mph zone. I would welcome traffic calming measures for the road to make the road safer for all users and to reduce the noise of racing cars and bikes at night.

Many thanks

Jess Sloss

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### Statement 17

I have lived on Newbridge Road in Bristol for nearly 4 years. In this time I've witnessed countless acts of dangerous driving as a driver, pedestrian and cyclist along Newbridge and Wick Rd. I would like to show my support for Brislington East Community to secure funds to improve road safety measures in the street as an urgent priority.

Its common for cars to drive over 40 or 50 mph in our quiet residential area and unfortunately I've witnessed a number of accidents since living here including a victim with life changing injuries, cyclist hit and run and near misses with school children commuting. It's also common for the railings along St Annes Wood to be damaged by reckless drivers going into them.

I am strongly in favour of traffic calming measures such as chicanes or speed bumps, but believe the best solution would be an average speed check along the entire length of the road.

Newbridge Road is a quiet residential area, home to many families with young children. The lack of respect for the laws of the road is an unacceptable menace to the safety and wellbeing of our community.

There is a speed camera on nearby Allison Road that has proven to be a great success. The dangerous situation on Newbridge Road has gone on for far too long, and I feel it is intolerable. The council have long been aware of this speeding hotspot. It is now only a matter of time before a fatal accident occurs.

Kind regards,

Rhian Jarman

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#### Statement 18

I write with reference to the increased problems on Newbridge Road with speeding vehicles and inconsiderate parking.

Having lived in Arlington Road since 1984, it has become obvious in recent years that drivers of all kinds of motorised vehicles are ignoring the 20mph limits.

Traffic leaving Feeder Road heading towards Brislington up Newbridge Road at considerable speed will result in a serious accident soon; cars parked on the pavement from 30 Newbridge Road onward has also got worse with cars parked towards the flow of traffic.

So, just to add to the problems, we now have the 36 bus service using the road as well. This, along with the new trend of parking both sides of the road between Woodside Road and Langton Court Road has compounded the issues.

At night the section of road near St. Anne's Woods is very dark due to the overgrown trees. The lamp posts really need to be moved to the opposite side of the road.

I support the funding of traffic calming measures for Newbridge Road.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Regards

Pete Yeates

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#### Statement 19

Statement in support of funding for Newbridge Road / Wick Road speeding measures

Newbridge Rd is minor road lined with residential houses, several primary schools, parks and many cyclists - children and adults.



It is now considered to be the busiest enforcement site in Avon and Somerset with 132 speeding offences in 2 hours, despite the highly visibly speed enforcement van.

Personal experience of Newbridge Road:

- My 10 and 12 year olds cycle on Newbridge Rd everyday as part of their route to school - due to several near misses with speeding traffic I will only now let them cycle on the pavement on this road as there is no lane or path for cyclists.
- When I drive 20 mph on Wick Rd and Newbridge Rd I have been overtaken by people getting frustrated with me sticking to the speed limit, I have been beeped and sworn at for going 20mph. This has happened so many times I have lost count. During the night speeding drivers continue to beep at cars sticking to the limit.
- I feel unsafe walking along the pavement on Newbridge Road with my children - especially on the corner near the entrance to Nightingale Valley due to the speed at which vehicles take the corner which has several times resulted in crashes into the wood boundary fence.

As the road stands today is only a matter of time before there is a fatality on this road and to take no action to stop speeding vehicles would be a serious error or judgement and one I would not want on my conscience if I had the power to make this change.

In light of the above I consider that simply just telling people to slow down with signs and cameras is not enough as too many motorists show a lack of care and disregard for personal and public safety.

Therefore, the only solutions that will have an impact on slowing down traffic to prevent injury and death would be physical solutions such as raised junctions and speed tables and I support funds going towards this.

Kind regards

Karen and Alistair Norman

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### Statement 20

Dear Committee,

I've lived on Newbridge Road for the past 6 years and in all honesty, I can't wait to be able to move. I love my home, surrounding access to nature and the community, but I live in fear daily that there will be yet another accident along Newbridge Road. From the lights at the bottom of Newbridge Road, drivers floor it up the hill as they go into the 20mph zone, I regularly see people going well over 30, round the blind corner, where I see numerous near misses hourly from drivers coming in the other direction, then they proceed to go even faster along Newbridge parallel to St Annes Woods onto Wick Road. Something must be done and it would be negligent of the council not to put in safety measures as soon as possible before another person is sent to hospital or more damage is done to peoples houses (Like the recent crash at the bottom of Newbridge Road) as well as council property (the fencing opposite St Annes Park where there have been numerous crashes in the time I have lived here).

There is no way that the car who struck the pedestrian recently was going at 20 mph. If it had been a child that had been hit, I can't imagine they would have survived the impact, is that what it is going to take for something to be done?

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/pedestrian-taken-hospital-potential-life-7331597>

My suggestion would be to put safety measures in place before that happens.

Thanks

Emma Davidson

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#### Statement 21

I live on Newbridge Road, and it is blighted by speeding drivers and accidents. I fully support measures to seek funding to make this family neighbourhood safe and stop it being a rat run for speeding drivers.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Bligh

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#### Statement 22

For the CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Road speed calming measures.

Dear committee, as a pregnant resident living on Langton court road, I cycle up Newbridge road 5-6 times a week. I would love if speed calming measures could be in place. I do not feel safe cycling up that road even before I was pregnant.

In 2019 I was cycling up newbridge road after work. It was of course busy. A car was eager to pass me. There is usually space for one car and one bicycle to share the lane with the parked cars but this time, there was also oncoming traffic. As the car passed me, it clipped the oncoming traffic causing damage to both cars. Both drivers got out to exchange information but as a cyclist I will never forget that moment. The car could have easily clipped the cyclist than the car.

I now have a 15 month old daughter and another child on the way. I hope to continue cycling and will need to use newbridge road as it's the easier road to travel on. However I am not sure I feel safe doing so and will most likely be forced to walk my bicycle up the hill or drive more frequently.

If speed reducing measures were put in place it would help for me to feel safer on that road.

Kind regards,

Josephine Tsui

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### Statement 23

Hello,

With regard to the CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Road speed calming, I recognise there is a legal speed limit of 20mph, however, I'm sure, even without a speed camera to support what I'm saying, traffic often exceeds this limit which besides breaking the law, is a danger to other road users and pedestrians.

When I drive out from Langton Court Road onto Newbridge Road, this is fraught with danger not only due to potentially speeding vehicles but also due to vehicles being allowed to park right up to the junction which in turn often requires one to pull halfway across Newbridge Road to be able to see if any traffic is coming from left or right.

I consider traffic calming and the cessation of allowing vehicles to park up to road junctions would bring great safety improvements to all.

Regards,

Richard Vowles

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### Statement 24

CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Rd speed calming

Hello,

I'm writing with regards to the CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Road speed calming. There is a legal speed limit of 20mph, however, the traffic often exceeds this limit which means that people are both breaking the law and there is great danger caused to other road users, pedestrians, and animals (cats/dogs/etc.).

Despite there being road signs, road users do not adhere to them. The residents are so desperate for change that many households have even had to put up their own "20mph" and "please slow down" signs in their gardens, as no other measures are currently in place.

I'm a mum with a baby and crossing the road is utterly terrifying as the traffic speeds so much and it comes out of nowhere.

There are many people, children, cats, and dogs, walking along these roads and trying to cross them. It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

It wasn't long ago that someone drove through the fence into the woods on the bend of Newbridge Road and I assume this was because they were going too fast, or trying to dodge another driver who was going too fast. There could have easily been pedestrians/dogs on that bit of pavement and they likely would have been killed. With speed measures in place, I imagine it's likely that this wouldn't have happened.

Introducing speed ramps, cameras, and other measures, would probably help the speeding issue a lot and I implore the council to do this.

Regards,

Alison

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#### Statement 25

##### CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Rd speed calming

I am writing to express how much I feel that traffic calming is required on Wick Road. I am a resident of Wick Road opposite Holymead school. Everyday I experience people speeding down the road using the route as a cut through to avoid traffic on the A4. I have two children under 3 years of age and I feel anxious every time I take them out the front of our house due to the speed of the motor vehicles. The speed limit, as you know, on this road is 20mph however, people rarely stick to the speed limit. We have a vehicle that we have to park on Wick Road due to no off road parking. To enable wheelchair users and individuals with buggies to use the footpath we park next to the footpath. This is in contrast to several other users who park on the footpath. As a result in the five years that we have lived on Wick Road we have had to replace our wing mirror five times and our car has been hit by another vehicle while stationary. This is of great expense to ourselves and we are currently undergoing legal action regarding the road traffic accident. The other reason for parking our vehicle on the road and not on the footpath is that it forces the traffic to slow down because two vehicles are unable to 'squeeze' by each other at the same time. As such, we have created our own speed calming to some extent. I have had letters of abusive posted on my car windows stating that this is a busy road and I should not be parked in this manner. A manner that is perfectly legal. It is known to the council that Wick Rd. is dangerous and speed calming is required based on various reports. If traffic calming were put in place it may also stop those individuals who are aiming to cut through to rethink this reroute.

Given that there are three schools on the Wick Rd/Newbridge Rd route it seems highly necessary, and long overdue, that speed calming be introduced!

Kind regards,

Jessica Bourne

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#### Statement 26

I would like to show my support for the initiative to spend government funds on traffic calming measures on Newbridge Road. On this road, despite it having a 20mph limit, I have frequently seen cars driving upwards of 40mph. It is unbelievably dangerous considering it's location next to a school, a doctors, a nursery and a park. There have been multiple accidents since I have moved to the area 4 years ago, and I am sure this will continue

indefinitely unless something is done to reduce the speed with which some drivers go on this road.

Thank you in advance,

Jasmine Alpe

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#### Statement 27

I am emailing in regards to the CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Rd speed calming.

As a local resident I wanted to give you my input in regards to the issue of traffic speeding along these roads and indeed other roads in that area. I would strongly request you consider putting in traffic calming for the safety of pedestrians and other road users. I walk and cycle along those roads regularly and am often intimidated by speeding and dangerous driving. People are often going too fast or just have no consideration for pedestrians or the people that live along those streets.

I hope you will consider this for the safety of all local residents who use those roads for local shopping and to simply get around.

Kind regards

Jim Green

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#### Statement 28

CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Rd speed calming - Supporting Statement

Wick Rd & Newbridge Rd are a crucial spinal transport route for local residents and commuters and a wider part of our city. But it is currently skewed towards motorists using it as a rat run. It's current layout means motorists are encouraged to speed, and further more adopt aggressive behaviours towards other road users such as pedestrians and cyclists. There is a vast amount of data showing how this is one of the worst roads in Bristol for car accidents, speeding and aggressive motorist behaviour including road rage accidents. The width on sections of the road, especially on the Wick Rd section mean the road looks visually, but in reality is not wide enough for two cars to go past each other alongside parked vehicles. This creates huge conflict and road rage incidents. It has become such an issue that parked cars are now being parked on the pavements making this road even less accessible to other road users such as students walking to the schools. Providing proper infrastructure for giving way in many of the sections would not only help reduce speeds and calm rat runs but it would also help eliminate a good amount of pavement parking. This would have a huge impact on what is now a very hostile environment across the whole stretch from Wick Rd to Newbridge Rd. It is astonishing that a road with three schools on it, and a road that is widely used by pedestrians and cyclists alike has almost no tangible infrastructure to make the street scape a friendly and welcoming space prioritising road users in line with the latest government guidance.

Bristol is a city that has declared a climate emergency and has committed to developing new systems and improvements to help shift the transport imbalance from cars to alternative forms of transport and it is time we put our money where our mouth is. By supporting this CIL fund you will be realigning the transport priorities on this stretch of road, reducing motorcar traffic speeds, enabling more residents to walk and cycle safely and improve the well being of the immediate residents.

Ken Borg

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Statement 29

I am writing in support of traffic calming measures on Newbridge rd/ wick road near St.Anne's park.

This road is a death trap waiting to happen and I had to write because I don't want it to be my child. Cars speed along this road all the time and it's next to the park and Wicklea primary school, so there's lots of children about trying to cross it.

Please put some funds towards traffic calming measures and another pedestrian crossing.

Thank you,

Megan Brock

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Statement 30

I live on Newbridge Road with my three young children. Every single day I cross that road and fear for the life of my children as the cars come whizzing around blind corners. Their small legs can simply not cross the road fast enough. It is ridiculous that there is no zebra crossing and a need to cross the road because of pavement disappearing.

On 14 July a resident was seriously injured on this road and an [air ambulance](#) was sent to the rescue. Luckily this wasn't fatal, but you need to act now before something more serious is happening.

In the past year we have had three other accidents, two severely damaging the fence to the nearby woods and one going into somebody's house. These incidents will have cost the council thousands of pounds, so I am not sure how much more money you want to waste on the serious accidents that happen on this road.

I urge you to support this bid, as failing to do so will lead to more serious and potentially fatal accidents.

Kind Regards

Juliet Lennox

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Statement 31

I am writing to support traffic calming measures on the Newbridge road area/ st Anne's area. Since we bought our house in 2020 there have been three cars that have been written

off by crashing into the barriers. The speed at which some cars drive down the stretch off road is frightening, especially at night as it is a know cut through for boy racers

I truly feel that it is a catastrophe waiting to happen especially when you factor in the park, nursery and schools within close proximity and used on a daily basis

I hope to see measures being taken soon for the good of the neighbourhood and the safety of all residents

Best wishes

Rowena Deswert

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### Statement 32

Hi there,

I have been notified that a statement from local residents is required in support of the proposed traffic calming Measures on Newbridge Road in St Anne's.

As a resident we are startled by people driving their cars at high speed along our road. It is not safe and considering there is a public park and a woods it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt.

Since Moving to the area in 2020 we have witnessed 3 accidents where a car has lost control and crashed. Twice into the fence at the woods and once into another residents car. More recently a car crashed into the front of a residents house at the bottom near the bridge.

It is a massive concern for everyone who lives in our neighborhood and by providing calming measures I am sure that the risk of further accidents will be minimized.

Thank you for considering our bid for a safer residence and for taking my statement on board.

Many thanks

Max May

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### Statement 33

I am emailing to support the funding application for traffic calming measures along the road. This road has a twenty limit but most drive twice that and there have been many accidents. Cars driving into fencing and over and down into the valley. It is very difficult to cross the road and is a main road for children walking to school.

If speed cameras were an option that would be ideal or speed bumps. Solutions that would impede parking however would not be welcome.

Kind regards  
James Owen

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#### Statement 34

I am writing as a local resident in support of the CIL bid for speed calming measures on Newbridge and Wick roads. I've only lived on Newbridge Road for just over a year but have repeatedly noticed an excessive amount of speeding happening on the roads, particularly at night time, and in such a short period of time have seen two large scale property damaging collisions take place due to speeding. With the large number of young families on the road, as well as it's proximity to a park and several schools it's unfortunately only a matter of time before it's more than property being damaged.

As well as this, the two roads are continuously used as a through route for drivers trying to dodge congestion on Bath Road and other arterial routes. As well as potentially saving lives and preventing injuries, speed calming measures would reduce this misuse of residential roads.

Joseph Bell

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#### Statement 35

We are residents on Newbridge Road with a young daughter. We are concerned about the amount of cars which go above the 20mph speed limit during the day and night.

Being part of the local speedwatch and our road WhatsApp group, we regularly hear of how this is affecting the residents on our road and are aware of the accidents that have happened. Far too many. We do not want to wait until something is done before there is a potential fatality.

We have taken part in a survey in the hope of getting some traffic calming measures on our road. We would love to see something done to help stop speeding cars which has and will continue to cause accidents.

There are 2 local schools with many young families walking to school along as walkers, commuters, dog walkers and residents going about their daily business. It is important for our neighbourhood to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Rackham

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#### Statement 36

Hello,



I'm writing to support the CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Road traffic calming measures.

Excessive speeding is a continuing issue on our road and endangers adults, children and pets alike on a daily basis. It must be addressed before something truly devastating happens. It is pure luck that the regular accidents speeders cause have not seen a fatality.

As a parent with a baby crossing the road with a buggy is very frightening and it is not right that residents have to feel fearful in this way when going about their days.

I believe that installing road furniture to force people to adhere to the speed limit is the only way to get drivers to obey the law on this street.

Regards,

Sarah Salter

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### Statement 37

Dear Bristol Area 5 committee,

I would like to highlight the urgency and importance of building a zebra crossing on Newbridge road in between St Annes woods and St Annes park.

The reasons this is necessary are the following:

1. A crossing is necessary because the pavement on the park side actually stops at the railway bridge, which means it is unavoidable to cross the road.
2. There are many people needing to cross the road here, as they come from Newbridge road or from across the park in order to reach the amenities on the other side.
3. The people needing to cross the road are young and/or vulnerable, including:
  - a) infant children (aged 2-5) attending the Kindergarten Forest School in Nightingale valley woods,
  - b) primary school children (aged 7-11) attending Wicklea Academy.
  - c) people visiting the doctors at Nightingale Valley Practice, who are often sick or elderly.
  - d) dog walkers walking to either St Annes or Nightingale valley woods from the park.
4. There is no drop in the kerb, hence wheelchair users cannot cross, and those pushing buggies have a difficult time.
5. There is a bus stop on the road that is now serving the new 36 route. Easy and safe access to this stop is necessary.
6. Cars travel very fast down this stretch of road. So a zebra crossing would add a break in this stretch of road, in which cars accelerate very fast, and therefore help to calm the traffic speeds.

7. The stretch of road in question is sandwiched between two blind spots (a bend in the road on one end and the railway bridge on the other, hence it is never known how long you have to cross the road, as the cars appear very quickly out of no-where.

I hope you agree on the importance of this and agree to its construction as soon as possible.

best wishes

Alastair

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#### Statement 38

I am writing in support of funding to go towards road safety measures being put in place on Newbridge/Wick Road.

Only recently my young son witnessed a man being hit by a speeding car on his way to school.

Fortunately the man was okay but sustained life changing injuries, and my son and his friend were traumatised by the event. This isn't a one off occurrence, cars are repeatedly speeding down the road, and this is not the first time someone has been injured. Funding needs to go towards this project, we are going to avoid any more incidents like these or a fatality.

Kind regards,  
Alice Thornton-Parr

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#### Statement 39

I am writing a statement to show my support for CIL bid for Wick/Newbridge Rd speed calming.

As a resident of Wick road, close to the junction at the top of Sandy park road, I am not exaggerating when I say there is a constant (6am - 2am) ringing of vehicle horns as motorists speed down Wick road and approach a junction they're not ready for.

Like lots of Bristol, there are cars parked either side of the road and there is marginally enough space for two small vehicles to pass each other. Couple this with motorists double, triple the speed limit makes the road extremely dangerous both at day and night.

There are two schools on Wick Road/Newbridge, and why there are not already speed measures enforced for the length of Wick road is outrageous. A 20mph zone means nothing to too many people.

Earlier this year, due to speeding, a car lost control and slammed into 4 parked cars leaving their car a write off and causing £000s in damage to others . The straight line of parked cars is seemingly impossible for people to resist testing their accelerator (especially at night) on. Forever waking us and our child awake at all hours.

Anger, road rage and profanity is another constant background noise here as motorists, jostling for position, lose patience with each other. It's a continual stress.

It really is time to help reduce the chaos and measures in place to make Wick Road/Newbridge safe.

Thank you.

Scott Amos

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#### Statement 40

I am writing to state my support for funding for traffic calming measures on Newbridge/Wick Road, as part of Bristol City Council's Community Infrastructure Levy.

Traffic along this stretch of road frequently exceeds the speed limit of 20 mph. Also, drivers are particularly impatient around the junctions at Newbridge Road and Wick Crescent and refuse to stop to give oncoming traffic right of way.

I am concerned that if measures are not introduced to ensure that drivers stop when required to do so and they reduce their speed, there will be a fatality on Wick Road.

Please confirm that my email has been received.

Kind regards,

Dr Karen Wilkes

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#### Statement 41

From Friends of Greville Smyth Park [FroGs]

Greville Smyth Park is a well-used and well-loved green space in Southville ward, BS3. The sphere of influence for this park extends well beyond BS3 and is used by residents across the river and city wide for public events.

We ask that all elements of the proposal are considered. However, volunteers have worked over the year to improve the environment within the park by preparing and have seeded a wildflower meadow in an un used space underneath the flyover. Trees have been planted and cared for by a small local team. The new self-built pond has attracted much support and interest from local people, who have noted an increase in wildlife. We facilitated the construction of a Memorial Garden. FroGs is supported by the BS3 Wildlife Group.

The suggested proposals will enhance the use and ecological value of the park. The existing play equipment is ageing and needs attention. A local survey indicated that a new hill slide would be very popular. Additional funding to construct and complete a circular path running track would finalise the plans for a regular Parkrun event.

The proposals will allow more volunteer activity in an outdoor green space, now recognised as beneficial to mental health and wellbeing.

Our aim is to increase value and ensure that this valuable green space remains fit for purpose for the next 20 years and beyond.

Celia Phipps. Treasurer.

Friends of Greville Smyth Park Team.