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Debra Hill

To Whom it may concern
Civic Hall

Firstly I would like to say thank you for sparing time to listen to my concerns. I am Debra Hill a 33yr old mum to six children whom I love and protect with all my heart. I am here today so I can make myself and others heard over safety issues in my local community "MOORTOWN RING Rd area between Queenshill Crescent + Lingfield Road" where myself and hundreds of others cross to use the six local schools, open Halse community centre, Hair salon, Public House and bus routes. The danger of this road is we cross just yards away from a bend which is highly dangerous.

The speed limit is at present 70 mph. I've used this route for the last 15 years. I am a people person and feel strongly about looking after the local community and keeping others safe as well as my own family.

November 2004 was a tragic time for a well known local family to lose their teenage son on this particular road. Why such a high speed limit? Where houses only stand feet away, why not a crossing, reduce speed sign, traffic lights, signs that flash to tell drivers to slow down. How many more of our children have to be injured or even killed before something is done. 2 months ago I started walking my children to school again after a 18 month battle with cancer. To stand at a road side for some days up to 10 minutes with the poorest visibility I have ever seen and to add to the

Poor visibility there is an over grown tree which I have recently cut back so we can at least see the road. We stand there 4 sometimes 6 times a day and run for our lives 5 days a week I've fought for my life once why should I risk it everyday. Myself and others in my community want action not words. We want reduced speed limit to 40 mph and traffic lights ^{or} a lollipop lady to make sure we can cross as safe as possible on that stretch of road. One death is one too many in my eyes the 6 schools are 5 Junior and 1 high children as young as 7 have been known to cross this road alone as a parent myself this worries me. I feel its about time we say enough is enough and we want to be heard, listened to and taken seriously as a community. Prevention is what we want and to make the road where we cross a safer place. We will not be losing interest in this campaign till something is done and we see a result. We understand things dont happen over night but 15yrs down the line and we feel no nearer to safety now as we did then until today and I hope this is the start to safety been put into action.

Also I come with a petition with over 300 Signatures and letters from local people who too feel the same as myself.

Regards

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