

STAVELEY AND COPGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

Address Supplied
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The Chief Executive
County Hall
Northallerton
North Yorkshire
DL7 8AD

Dear Sir

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

Recently, Parish Councillor P Smith received a visit from Harrogate Borough Councillor D. Mackenzie and Mr A Jones MP and he took the opportunity of raising the issue of speed activated signs to alert motorists of the speed limit in Minskip Road, Staveley. At the meeting he indicated that the issue had been raised at the recent consultation meeting between Harrogate Borough Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Parish Councils and that the response had been a clear rebuttal indicating that the decision about installing signs rested with NYCC Highways Department alone and that their decision was based on the accident record of the road.

Councillor Smith explained, as he did at the consultation meeting, that the Parish Council did not wish to wait for a person to be killed before any action was taken to prevent such occurrences. He also explained that the recently installed 20mph speed limit outside the school is not working and in fact is completely ineffective with the police seemingly incapable of enforcement.

Councillor Smith's visitors suggested that the response received from NYCC was against the spirit of the Government's localism bill and that a further request for authorisation be made for the installation of a vehicle activated speed sign, paid for by donations or from Parish Council funds. Will you please treat this letter as a formal request for authorisation for the installation of a sign.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Parish Council

Copy to Mr A Jones MP