

Petition presented by **Councillor Perry** on behalf of residents at the Council meeting on 15 July 2019:

“Please introduce traffic calming measure into St Peter’s Street, Croydon, in order to reduce speeding vehicles which are causing accidents and could lead to the loss of life”.

Response from Councillor Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Regeneration (Job Share)

I am sorry to hear about the speed of traffic on St Peters Street. The council’s Highways team do not consider the installation of physical traffic calming measures to be the most appropriate answer as these features can create noise and vibration issues for local residents. Unfortunately, there will always be those motorists that persist in traveling at speed and where this takes place the most effective course of action will be of an enforcement nature.

As you will appreciate, the Council has no enforcement powers over moving vehicle offenses of this type and must rely on the Metropolitan Police to provide this service. To this end, I will ask our officers to contact the Metropolitan Police to request that they carry out additional enforcement, commensurate with their other duties. Local residents may also wish to contact them directly over this matter.

Another option may be for St Peter’s Street to receive some monitoring under the ‘Road Watch’ project. This project uses local resident volunteers, supported by the Police Community Support Officers, to monitor traffic speeds using laser guns and electronic display signs. The information gathered by the teams is then passed on to the Metropolitan Police, to target regular offenders for speed enforcement. The day-to-day management of ‘Road Watch’ is carried out by the Metropolitan Police’s Safer Neighbourhood Teams and they can be contacted on their email address communityroadwatchcroydon@met.police.uk For further information on the Safer Neighbourhood teams, please see their web site at:- <https://www.met.police.uk/>

I shall also arrange for one of my officers to take another look at St Peter’s Street to ensure that all the necessary 20mph signs and repeaters are in place and whether there are any other practicable signs or markings that may help to ensure that motorists are aware of the speed limit in this area.

Finally, our collision records show that St Peter’s Street has not suffered from any personal injury road traffic collisions in the past five years, and as such it would be difficult to justify prioritising this road for road safety treatment.

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