

c/o Mr. Robert Ditzel,
Poynters Road Committee,
148 Poynters Road,
Luton,
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29 October 2009

Mrs. B. Morris,
Monitoring Officer,
Central Bedfordshire Council,
Priory House,
Monks Walk,
Chicksands, Shefford,
Beds. SG17 5TQ.

Dear Mrs. Morris,

Poynters Road Traffic – consideration of Petition.

We have received a letter dated 23 October 2009 from Mrs. M. Clampitt, the Democratic Services Officer. The letter advises of the outcome of the Traffic Management Meeting, held on 20 October, with regard to the Petition submitted to the Council some months ago now.

In her letter, Mrs. Clampitt states that, if we do not agree with the decision made by the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, we can ask you to refer the response to the petition to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the adequacy of that decision. Could I now, on behalf of the Poynters Road Committee, ask you to do this?

In general, although the outcome, as set out in paragraphs four and five of Mrs. Clampitt's letter of 23 October, is accurate, there are, we feel, some serious omissions.

The Petition was not solely about lorries. It is not uncommon for cars, bikes and vans to exceed the speed limit by up to 50% - day and night -, something they would not do on the Luton Road for obvious reasons. Put bluntly, vehicles can go as fast as they like with impunity, safe in the knowledge that there are no controls in operation along Poynters Road. The Petition also expresses concern about damage to our properties and the road surface. We also understand, from the October 20th Meeting, that road surveys would continue, and the matter of 30 m.p.h signs being erected along Poynters Road would be examined further. These, and other matters, explicit and implicit, are not mentioned in the

“outcome” as set out in paragraphs four and five of Mrs. Clampitt’s letter to me of 23 October.

We, the Poynters Road Committee, have gone over this letter of 23 October with deliberation and we are left a little confused. We are not entirely happy about the wording “ That subject to the adoption of the Freight Strategy. the proposal for a weight limit on Poynters Road be included in the 5 year Traffic Management Programme.” The residents of Poynters Road are not prepared to wait five years, if our interpretation of this quotation is correct? Poynters Road residents want action taken sooner rather than later. We are also very much looking forward to the forthcoming joint meeting, being arranged by our Luton Councillors, where all interested parties will be able to sit down and discuss how this unacceptable and discriminating treatment of Poynters Road residents may be satisfactorily resolved.

We look forward to hearing from you after you have referred the response to the Petition to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Murphy
On behalf of the Poynter Road Committee.

c.c Cllr. David McVicar
 Cllr. Tom Shaw
 Cllr. Hazel Simmons
 Mrs. M. Clampitt, Democratic Services Officer, Central Beds. Council
 Poynters Road Committee Members