

QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

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Question to: Councillor Sarah Courtney, Lead Member for
Regeneration and Transport

QUESTION

I live on a busy road where there is frequent speeding and with a two year old daughter leaves me very anxious. There are two schools and a nursery very close to me and I know other parents in the area worry about their kids walking to school, despite wanting to encourage this. What is being done by the Council to make roads safer around schools and what can be done to make roads safer without having to first wait for an accident to happen?

RESPONSE

Thank you for your question.

We work jointly with our partners in the emergency services through the Calderdale Road Safety Partnership. In regard to speeding complaints we take these very seriously and will respond to any submissions from residents by carrying out speed surveys. The results of these surveys are passed to the police for enforcement activity where necessary. We may also choose to introduce traffic calming measures, subject to funding being available, or measures such as advisory 20mph limits at school times.

We are currently in the process of completing a safe, sustainable travel review outside all primary schools, this has brought together data sets including speed and traffic volume, crossing points, catchment of school, current behaviour change interventions etc. This data is being used to help us direct funding and further behavioural change interventions to improve road safety outside schools.

We currently have 16 school street orders in place that allow the schools to close the road outside their school to create a safer environment that encourages and supports active travel.

We are working with Living Streets, an organisation that encourages and support walking to school through a series of reward schemes, this helps reduce the traffic outside of school.