

## **Tuttles lane / east/west speed control**

John Newland

Fri 18/10/2019 17:29

Hi , the following letter which I am writing is to support my colleagues regarding the speeding problems we have constantly along Tuttles Lane Wymondham.

These drivers have no intention of maintaining the speed limit 30 / 40 mph along this stretch of road, I have witnessed some crazy driving while outside in my front garden this summer, some drivers doing speeds of 50 - 60 mph which sometimes happen when children are coming out of school and believe me you get used to the the sound of acceleration when they leave the so called 30 zone .

I have had first hand experience of how close I was to being severely injured or even killed when a driver was coming so fast in the 40 mph limit he lost control ,hit the curb twice and his car took out my wall and he finished up in my drive. Thankfully I was in my garage after putting my car away. This resulted in new garage doors installed and garden wall having to be rebuilt.

I have lived in Wymondham for 26 years in which time I have seen traffic increase which I know has been due to all the developments. Something has to be done to slow this traffic down, I would like to see the council take this problem seriously by putting the speed limit to 30mph all along this road taking out the 40mph altogether on Tuttles Lane east and west, and new 30mph signs put up telling motorists to make sure they are doing the correct speed like the ones they have on common Lane Wymondham.

I hope that my letter is given urgent consideration to this important problem which is affecting all of us daily .so we prevent accidents happening as winter fast approaching

Yours sincerely John Newland Wymondham

Sent from my iPad

Nicholas Bennett  
Thu 17/10/2019 18:47

Subject: Speed limit

Dear Sir/Madam

I would firstly like to say that the recent change to 30mph on part of Tuttles Lane, Wymondham, has made that section far safer.

As a resident at 116 Tuttles Lane I would like the council to consider the safety of residents and pedestrians on other sections of the road. We live near the double junction for Barnham Broom and the Town. Twice I have been involved in 'near misses'! Firstly coming out of my drive in wet conditions a car driving far in excess of 40mph had to swerve to avoid me. Luckily nothing was coming the other way.

On another occasion I came out of Barnham Broom Road which has a blind corner onto Tuttles Lane. As I manoeuvred out of the junction a lorry came speeding up behind me. I then had to signal right to go into my residence. The lorry driver was fuming, flashing lights and beeping his horn, and yet I had done nothing wrong!

The noise of horns from other drivers from near misses is a regular occurrence! At the moment we have tractors bombing up and down the road, many of whom are driving faster than the speed limit. Crossing the road with a pushchair is a nightmare.

Our daughters dread coming out of the drive with our grandchildren in their cars.

There is 'an accident waiting to happen' on this very dangerous stretch of Tuttles Lane.

Please could Norfolk County Council take careful consideration of the danger of the current speed limit at these junctions off Tuttles Lane. A 30mph limit could help reduce the possibility of any future accidents or, I dread to think, fatalities.

Yours sincerely  
Nick Bennett

Sent from my iPhone

Carl Goodrum

1 November 2019

Dear Sirs,

Tuttles Lane Speed Limit

I have been a resident of Wymondham for almost 28 years. During this time I have lived either just off Tuttles Lane or actually on the road, as I do currently. I believe this has provided me with a wealth of experience of the behaviour of motorists, which I am afraid to say is not good, occasionally verges on the appalling, and consequently blights the lives of all residents and users.

Both myself and my wife, together with neighbours, have personal experience of 'road rage' incidents as we enter / exit our driveways. I have reported these to the police at various times in the hope that action would be taken, such as increased patrols and monitoring but have seen little evidence of this. Mobile speed cameras are employed along the 30 mph stretch but this does not seem to be the case in the 40 mph zone. I have been told that the bend near our property means it is not possible to use speed cameras at this point but have since seen a camera at Avenue Road, Wymondham which also has a bend. This would suggest that monitoring speed in the 40 mph zone does not receive the same level of priority.

The Police have explained that when 'road rage' incidents occur, if a registration number of the vehicle is provided they will follow this up. I do not mind admitting that I have been reluctant to do this for fear of reprisals as the source of the complaint would clearly be obvious. If you are subjected to such aggressive behaviour and the pure rage of some impatient drivers, which can leave you visibly shaking, would you subsequently want an individual to potentially confront you following a

police visit. Make no mistake I would not consider endangering myself, my family or friends to recriminations and consequently have to just shrug off such incidents.

In addition to speaking to the Police I have also, in the past, contacted South Norfolk District Council and the Highways Department to request traffic calming measures along the road but have been told that no action could be taken due to 'financial restrictions'. When I suggested I may put some signs up myself to warn drivers I was told I risked court action.

When the 30 mph zone along Tutttles Lane East, from the Waitrose roundabout to Finderne, was proposed in 2014, I contacted Norfolk County Council to raise concerns that the measures do not go far enough and may make conditions more dangerous along the remainder of the road. It was explained that my fears were unfounded and that traffic entering the 40 mph stretch would continue at lower speeds during the remainder of the road. I'm afraid to say, as I suspected this has not been the case. Regardless of whether drivers comply with the 30 mph limit they seem to regard the 40 mph sign as license to accelerate hard presumably as it is perceived all road hazards have passed.

My experience to date has been one of total frustration with no one at the Police, Highways or Council being prepared to take these issues seriously and constantly passing the buck between themselves. I commend the actions now being taken and give my total support to the campaign to reduce the speed limit, including volunteering for being part of the Speed Watch scheme for Wymondham.

I firmly believe that the time has come to not only reduce the speed limit along the whole length of the road to 30 mph but to also significantly improve signage. These measure, together with the introduction of Speed Watch, will undoubtedly make the town safer and a more pleasant place to live.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Goodrum