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Mr M Surl  
The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
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Dear Mr Surl

## ***Policing and Speed Enforcement, Painswick***

I write to you on behalf of the Parish Council who were very much heartened to see @CotswoldsPolice tweet on Saturday 20th April regarding speed enforcement in Bourton's 20mph zone, and were even further heartened for our Chair of Traffic to be informed by yourself that enforcement in 20-mph zones with local community support is part of the 2017 -21 Police and Crime Plan.

Over the last few years, local police presence has dramatically declined In Painswick and whilst there is willing to show a greater presence when speaking to the local police team, the resources have never been available to put this into practice. As a community we fought to get a designated speed enforcement site in Painswick (at Broadhams) but this has only been used twice in the last 4years, just after it was first installed, for a single evening each time.

Painswick has demonstrable long-standing community concerns about speeding. As a community we have been running Community Speed Watch weeks three times per years since 2014. We have also pursued other measures including purchase and occasional use of a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign at various hotspots, a Pace Car initiative, and 50:50 joint funding with Gloucestershire County Council to erect permanent Vehicles Activated Signs within our 30mph zones on the A46. Further we have worked with Gloucestershire County Council to improve signage and white lining to denote the speed limits. Through these efforts we have seen limited improvement, but have a raft of data to demonstrate the ongoing issue of speeding and where the key hot spots persist.

Most recently, we carried out a community-wide consultation regarding the potential installation of physical traffic calming measures. Over 25% of the community responded and whilst the vote was split 52% in favour and 48% against, concerns about the historic setting/noise/vibration resulting from physical measures drove the against votes, with a widespread recognition that speeding was a significant current

nuisance for the local community. During this consultation, many (both those in favour and against traffic calming measures) asked if we could have a speed camera or whether the police could be engaged to carry out proactive enforcement.

We feel very strongly that the lack of support from the police is the missing piece in the extensive efforts that we have made as a community and the measures provided by Gloucestershire County Council.

Ultimately, we aim to put Painswick on the map in the psyche of drivers to watch their speed and police enforcement is vital to achieving this goal.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Balgobin  
Clerk