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THE STABLES, WHITECLIFF GARDENS,
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Woodlinken Drive, Verwood, BH31 6BN

I have been visited by residents from Woodlinken Drive to express their collective concern over the speed of traffic on this residential piece of road. Neighbourhood police officer PC Robertson was also present at the meeting and he confirmed that speeding is an issue in this area.

I understand that representations have been made to Dorset County Council but no action has been taken to increase the safety of residents or pedestrians and I am therefore requesting on behalf of the residents that a safety audit be undertaken on the road.

To illustrate the extent of the problem a petition signed by many residents and individual letters were handed to me at the meeting with a request that they are passed on to you as an indication of how the situation affects many.

The letters and petition are enclosed and I look forward to your reply.

SIMON HOARE MP

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Mr & Mrs M Andrews
23 Woodlinken Drive
Verwood
Dorset
BH31 6BN

7 October 2016

DCC

Dear Sirs

Request for traffic calming measures in Woodlinken Drive, Verwood BH31

In our opinion, supported by the undersigned, there is a need for traffic calming measures to be installed to reduce excessive speeding on the road, and we would respectfully ask that this matter is given due consideration.

The recent demolition of a wall at 53 Woodlinken Drive highlights the speeds at which drivers use this road – there have been a number of similar occurrences at the bend/junction of Woodlinken Close, where the wall to 6 Woodlinken Close has been demolished on several occasions, and where plastic kerbside bollards were installed by you fairly recently.

Speaking to Peter Holland an employee in the Highways Department of DCC recently, we were advised that a cross-road speed detector was installed near the junction to Woodlinken Close a few months ago, but that the results showed no problem, giving an average speed of 32 mph. With respect, it is our contention that this result shows the opposite. Bearing in mind that the point at which readings were taken is on the bend, this should be the *slowest* point in the road, yet the average was still over the speed limit. Further, an average speed masks the actual range of speeds; further data would be needed, but if we are generous and assume 1,000 cars of which 900 travelled at exactly 30 mph, mathematically this means that the average of the remaining 100 cars would have been 50 mph! The lower the average of the majority, the higher the average of the remainder. If any further information can be obtained from your readings it would assist your review.

No doubt you also have data from the police safety camera operations on the road, but as this is a visible deterrent rather than a collection of unbiased data it will be more difficult to draw any firm conclusions thereon.

It is hoped that appropriate measures are put in place before incidents involving destruction of property escalate to those involving personal injury, or worse.

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully


Mark and Lorraine Andrews

PETITION & LETTERS ATTACHED

**THE UNDERSIGNED PETITIONERS REQUEST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPEED REDUCING MEASURES IN
WOODLINKEN DRIVE, VERWOOD**

NAME (PRINT)	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
VICKI PRESS	2 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	V. Press
KEVIN BRIGGS	2A WOODLINKEN DRIVE	K. Briggs
Angela Peters	15, Woodlinken Drive	A. Peters
Carol Allen	17 Woodlinken Dr.	V. Carol Allen
John Allen	11	J. Allen
ARTHUR MEAD	25 WOODLINKEN DR	A. S. Mead
PAMELA MEAD	..	P. A. Mead
JAMES HITTAK	35 WOODLINKEN DR	J. Hittak
CHRIS ROBINSON	37 WOODLINKEN DR	Chris Robinson
ANN ATKINSON	41 WOODLINKEN DR	A. Atkinson
DUDLEY HAMPTON	39 Woodlinken Drive	D. Hampton
CATHERINE HAMPTON	" "	C. Hampton
Geoff Mays	38 Woodlinken Drive	G. Mays
BRIAN PINE	45 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	B. Pine
BERT & PAT HAMPSON	36 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	B. Hampson
Cheyl Mason	42 Woodlinken drive	C. Mason
Graham Taylor	49 Woodlinken Dr.	G. Taylor
PATRICIA TAYLOR	49 Woodlinken Drive	P. Taylor
Chris Taylor	49 Woodlinken Drive	C. Taylor
Brenda Atkinson	51	B. Atkinson
R. W. PETTIT	5A	R. W. Pettit
N. GADSBY	57 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	N. Gadsby
D. OVERALL	29 Hill Meadow	D. Overall
D. R. KENT	21 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	D. R. Kent
J. G. KENT	21 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	J. G. Kent




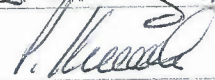
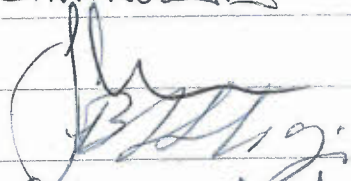
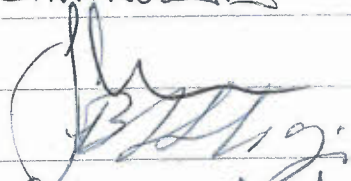
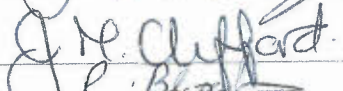

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NAME (PRINT)	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
KP + JE COUNOLLEY	1 FAIRWOOD RD	
J.A. NEWBERRY	2 FAIRWOOD RD	J.A. Newberry
S.A. Lloyd	11 BARBERRY WAY	S. a Lloyd
R. W Lloyd	" "	R. W Lloyd
Ross Turner	22. woodlinken DR	
ELLEN CHAPMAN	28 WOODLINKEN DR.	S.M. Chapman
ROBERT BENHAM	— " —	R. Benham
JEAN SMITH	30 WOODLINKEN DR.	Amy Cox POA
DAVID WALKER	34 — " —	
M.C. Nash	52 —	MATTHEW NASH
DENISE ROBINSON	58 " "	M. J. Robinson
RICHARD ROBINSON	— " —	
M. Wilkinson	60	M. Wilkin
K. Patterson	62 " "	
C. McWAY	— " —	
R. RUMBLE	69 " "	
G. HUGHES	65 "	
S. Haywards	1. Woodlinken C.	S. HAYWARD
M. Craig	61 Woodlinken Dr.	M. Craig
Lugh Craig	61 WOODLINKEN DR	Lugh Craig
B. Taylor	59 WOODLINKEN DR	B. Taylor
B. Foster	53 " "	B. FOSTER
C. Davies	47 Woodlinken Drive Verwood Dorset	
D. Henshidge	43 Woodlinken Drive Verwood	D. Henshidge
T. Henshidge	93 Woodlinken Drive Verwood Dorset	

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Jane Tomlinson	5 Woodlinken Close	J.A. Tomlinson
PAUL HARVEY	5 WOODLINKEN CLOSE	Paul Harvey
MALCOLM SMITH	3 WOODLINKEN CLOSE	M. Smith
Leigh Craig	61 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	L. Craig
Stella Hayward	1. WOODLINKEN CLOSE	S.A. Hayward
HENRY PERSON	56 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	H. Person
GORDON HUGHES	65 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	G. Hughes
Carol Blae Kmaan	70 Woodlinken Drive	C. Blae Kmaan
Margaret Boucher	74 " "	M. Boucher
Carol Mitson	76 Woodlinken Drive	C. Mitson
P. HAYES	" "	P. Hayes
S. CAUL	80 Woodlinken Drive	S. Caul
CEW-COISP	82 Woodlinken Dr	C. W. Coisp
H. WILSON	93 Lake Road	H. Wilson
S. ATTRIDGE	89, WOODLINKEN DRIVE	S. Attridge
T.J. BAKER	84 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	T.J. Baker
Bill Boukell	87 Woodlinken Drive	B. Boukell
E MANNING	83 WOODLINKEN ROAD	E. Manning
R. HORSLEY	79 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	R. Horsley
ASHORSLEY	79 Woodlinken Drive	A. Horsley
Debbie Caddy	54 Woodlinken Dr.	D. Caddy
Jane Ponder	8, WOODLINKEN CLOSE	J. Ponder
Chris Ponder	8 WOODLINKEN CLOSE.	C. Ponder
Romaine Andrews	23 " DRIVE	R. Andrews
Mark Andrews	23 " Drive	M. Andrews

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MICHAEL HENRY KNOTT	19 WOODLINKEN DRIVE VERWOOD DORSET BH31 6BN	
Gwendolene Joan Knott	19 WOODLINKEN DRIVE VERWOOD DORSET BH 31 6BN	
Sheila Gray	18	
Peter Kinsey	20 WOODLINKEN DR.	
CHRISTINE ROBERTS	16 WOODLINKEN DR	C.M. Roberts
JEREMY PALMER	12 WOODLINKEN DRIVE	
BRIAN HIGH	33 WOODLINKEN	
Julie Clifford	18a Woodlinken Dr.	
BERYL PERCY BLOXHAM	24 WOODLINKEN DRIVE.	

MICHAEL HENRY KNOTT
Gwendolyn Joan Knott

19 Woodlark Drive
Verwood, Orsset BH 31 6 BN

In support of your petition

38 Woodlinken Drive

Verwood

Dorset BH31 6BN

27 August 2016

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Verwood Town Council

Sirs,

I am writing in support of the efforts being made by Lorraine at 23 Woodlinken Drive to bring to your attention the residents concern with the speed of some vehicles travelling along Woodlinken Drive. In particular, this affects the stretch between Fairwood Road and the bend at Woodlinken Close.

I live mid-way along this section and am concerned about the risk to pedestrians of all ages and states of ability presented by the speeds in excess of the 30 mph limit attained by some vehicles.

I would ask you to invite the Dorset Highway Authority to consider and implement appropriate traffic calming measures.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G C Mays', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Geoffrey C Mays

Mr Spencer Flower
Verwood Town Council
28 Vicarage Road
Verwood
BH31 6DR

Mrs N Gadsby
57 Woodlinken Drive
Verwood
BH31 6BN
6th September 2016

Dear Mr Flower

I am a resident at Woodlinken Drive and I am writing to express my concern about the speed of traffic down our road.

I understand it is one of the main roads for Verwood but there is a 30 mile per hour speed limit that most drivers seem to ignore. The speed of the traffic is both dangerous for pedestrians and residents as accidents have happened on the bend of our road where drivers have lost control of their vehicle crashing into residents walls. The speeding cars also cause a noise issue keeping you awake at night and early morning.

If the speed limit was monitored by some sort of traffic calming solution it would help the problem I am sure.

I have also signed a petition raised by a resident in our street regarding this issue.

I hope you will consider our complaint and look into it accordingly.

Kind regards



Mrs N Gadsby

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TA & DC Henstridge
43 Woodlinken Drive
Verwood
Dorset
BH316BN

02/09/2016

REF Woodlinken Drive: Verwood

To Whom it may concern:

As Residents of Woodlinken Drive, both my wife and I have serious concerns about the excessive speed of traffic using this road..

We have dogs which we walk twice daily, and cannot walk towards Lake road, using the pavement on our side of the road due to our "fear" of cars leaving the road through loss of control caused by excessive speed.

We have lived here for three years and have seen two walls demolished due to cars losing control, and the most recent of which happened literally seconds after walking past the demolished wall on our way out. If we had been at the point of impact seconds earlier, we certainly wouldn't be here to write this letter.

We now walk on the other side of the street, as the "Racing Line taken by speeding vehicles in both directions will always cause vehicles to gravitate to our side. I have even taken to warning pedestrians walking by that they are in danger and to cross to the other side.

We are often out early morning walking the dogs, and see traffic travelling at break neck speed from 5am onwards..

It is also a lottery pulling out of our drive in our car, and when we do we often have to put up with abuse and gesturing, because a oncoming vehicle has had to slow down to the actual speed limit behind us.

Its dangerous, frighteningly dangerous in fact. There needs to be, and should be traffic calming measures put into place.

Especially leading into the very dangerous bend from both directions.

It is only a matter of time before their is injury and heaven forbid a fatality.

Its a known fact that this road.. Woodlinken Drive into Lake Road is a "Rat Run" for traffic.. Short cutting the journey from the Ringwood Rd to Three Cross.

Please listen to our concerns, they are not impulsive or whinging. They are based on observation's over a period of time, and a genuine fear for safety both to residents and passers by.

Thank you

Trevor A Henstridge



Verwood Town Council

Mrs. Angela Peters

15 Woodlinken Drive

Verwood, Dorset BH31 6BN

Aug. 2016

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of a petition put forward by one of the residents of Woodlinken Drive.

Concerning the speed in which vehicles travelling down the road at great speed most exceeding the 30mph limit.

A few days ago just after the road was resurfaced, I was closing my gate when a sports type car sped down the road at high speed just about making the approaching bend and spraying loose chippings every where there was almost an accident. If someone was crossing near there it would have been serious.

Woodlinken Drive is used as a busy access to adjoining roads, with this in mind I do feel it warrants a speed camera.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs. A Peters

28 Woodlinken Drive

Verwood

Dorset

BH 31 6BN

01202 825615

Email: benhamrobert@sky.com

14th September 2016

Verwood Town Council
28 Vicarage Rd.
Verwood
BH31 6DR

Reference: **Woodlinken Drive BH31**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am extremely concerned about the abuse of the 30 mph limit. It is obvious to me and the majority of residents that many drivers disregard or are forgetful of the zone speed limit. The road has a 'straight' of approximately 200yds., a temptation for excessive speed. Elderly residents and children are put at increased risk by such actions. There have been several speed induced accidents during the 6 years I have lived here.

The road was resurfaced and new lines painted recently. Shortly after its completion I wrote to the Dorset County Highways office to suggest it might have been sensible to take the opportunity to apply 30mph surface signage. My enquiry (1063252) failed to elicit a positive response. In fact, the answer given appears to refer, incorrectly, to Fairwood Road, a virtual cul de sac off Verwood Drive.

I request you consider this matter at your next meeting.

Yours sincerely



Robert Benham.

2 Fairwood Road

Verwood

1 October 2016

Verwood Town Council

28 Vicarage Road

Verwood

BH31 6DR

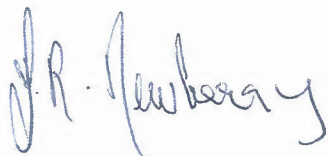
Dear Sir

WOODLINKEN DRIVE – SPEEDING AND NOISE

I write to confirm that I fully support the campaign for a reduction in the above issues on Woodlinken Drive.

I might add that crossing Fairwood Road to go to the bus stop is dangerous due to the fact that speeding drivers take the corner from Woodlinken into Fairwood too fast. It would be a travesty for someone to be killed under such circumstances.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. R. Newberry'.

MRS J NEWBERRY

25 Woodlinken Drive

Verwood

BH31 6BN

7 October 2016

Verwood Town Council

28 Vicarage Road

Verwood

BH31 6DR

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sirs

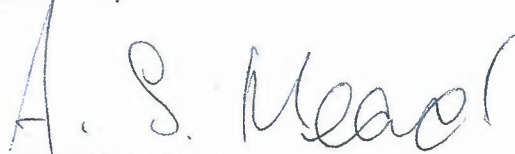
Re: EXCESSIVE SPEEDING, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND NOISE ON WOODLINKEN DRIVE

My home is sited on the corner of Woodlinken Drive with my driveway on Fairwood Road. Having lived on the property for a number of years I have seen the above road turn into a noisy, pollutant race track. A number of neighbours have had vehicles crash into their outside walls and one had to pay for the vehicle to be removed because it was on private property.

My wife suffers with MS and Dementia and uses a wheel chair. If I wish to take her for a walk in the wheelchair I take my life in my own hands whilst crossing Fairwood Road due to the speed of traffic turning left off of Woodlinken Drive. Not only that, whilst coming out of my driveway onto Fairwood Road in my car I have been the subject of abuse from speeding drivers because they have had to break excessively to avoid hitting me!!

There is no due consideration or care and therefore I fully support the campaign for Dorset County Council to introduce traffic calming measures on Woodlinken Drive.

Yours faithfully



MR AND MRS A MEAD