From: [redacted] on behalf of Road Safety Customer Care
To: [redacted] "
Subject: RE: Road signage and speed safety.
Date: 30 June 2021 10:02:00

Dear [redacted],

I refer to your email below, please accept our apologies for the delay in coming back to you on this we have been receiving high volumes of correspondence over the last few months.

The Road Safety team undertakes bi-annual batches of traffic surveys at locations where speeding concerns have been raised. Traffic data allows us to direct our resources to the locations where there is significant speed limit non-compliance.

As outlined in the report Evaluation of the 20mph Speed Limit Roll Out, which was approved by the Council's Transport and Environment Committee on 11 October 2019, the Council's Road Safety team will investigate the suitability of further speed reduction measures at locations where average speeds are measured above normal tolerance.

We arranged a traffic survey to be undertaken on Kirkgate and Harlaw Road as part of the spring batch, and we are currently awaiting the results of these from the survey company.

However, as 15mph is not a legally established speed limit, that cannot be promoted on the roads you describe. As Road Signs may only be erected by the Road Authority (which in the case of these roads is the Council), or the AA / Traffic Management personnel for temporary measures such as road works, we cannot authorise you installing any signs.

I can inform you a review of speed limits on rural roads in the west and south west of Edinburgh is to be undertaken. Information on this project can be on page 12 at the following link:

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s30808/Item%206.1%20-%20Draft%20TEC%20business%20bulletin%20-%20JAN%202021_Late%20Changes.pdf

Kind Regards

[redacted]

[redacted] I Road Safety and Active Travel I Road Networks I Place Development I The City of Edinburgh Council I G4, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG I

Original Message
From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 April 2021 20:30
To: Customer Care <Customer.Care@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Road signage and speed safety.

Dear Edinburgh Council,

I am unsure what department I should be emailing about my request and I would be grateful if you could forward my request to the correct department.

I have 3 horses stabled at Wester Kinleith Farm in Currie. Since the lockdown, as the Council will be aware, the volume of traffic travelling to Harlaw Reservoir car park has materially increased. There have been several incidents involving traffic and horses on these roads in the last few months. The parking and volume of traffic, especially at the weekends, is very high.

I would like to request that there is some signage to ask drivers to pass horses at 15MPH. The traffic often

travels very fast along the top road due to it being a 60MPH limit. I think people just don't understand that horses are not machines, they are too busy chatting and fly past horses often at very high speeds. The horses, regardless of how road safe they are, can be spooked by things out of our control, especially litter and bags blowing in the hedges. I have been riding in this area for 35 years and have seen my daughter learn to ride on her first pony. I would now not feel safe taking her out on the roads at the weekends. While the majority of drivers are respectful, there remains a minority who are creating some real challenges for us there are no bridleways in our area so we have no choice but to ride on the roads. The traffic has been parking all along the verges, ignoring the signage requesting 'no parking on verges'. There are long lines of parked cars and all the passing places along the road, which we would like to use, especially when there is large farm machinery passing are jammed up with cars.

I realise that the parking problem is an issue that, I think, is being addressed already and I also realise there is very little money available and I am looking for permission to erect some signage stating "PLEASE PASS HORSES AT 15MPH' Possibly one sign on the roadside of the Kirkgate travelling up the hill and another on the roadside travelling up the hill on Harlaw Road. I am writing on behalf of the safety of the horses and riders in the area and I would be willing to cover the cost of the signage, all I am looking for is the permission to display these signs at locations that we can mutually agree.

I would really appreciate to discuss this in greater detail and hope you can find time to respond.

Kind regards



From: [redacted]
To:
Subject: Fwd: Catchment Change and Crossings
Date: 09 September 2021 16:03:17

Afternoon [redacted]

As you will be aware unfortunately a child was nearly knocked down on Lanark Rd West at Sainsbury's petrol station crossing. Is there anything which can be done to improve safety in this location. I understand that the bus stop nearby can obscure the traffic light. I will also take this up with [redacted] to see if moving this might be a possibility.
Are there any measures which can be taken, this has been dangerous going back several years.

Regards

Neil

Councillor Neil Gardiner
Pentland Hills Ward SNP
City of Edinburgh

Convenor of Plannning Committee
Convenor of Pentland Hills Regional Park

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:50:43 PM
To: [redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted]
Subject: Catchment Change and Crossings

Hi Everyone, I hope this email finds you all safe and well.

As you all know Nether Currie Primary School has undergone a catchment change which came into effect in November 2020 and with this we now have children coming to school from the south side of Lanark road, from Kinleith mill, Blinkbonny and the Kirkgate areas.

It has been brought to my attention that we have had a near miss at the crossing nearest the Sainsbury' s filling station. Where children were waiting to cross at the on demand pedestrian crossing and a driver failed to stop on a red signal as they attempted to cross.

I have also been told that CEC ([redacted]) has been informed of concerns about

crossing lanark road by the school and that the school was told that nothing could be done. I find this wholly unacceptable as there are plenty of options around signage and variable speed limits which would help.
Cost should not be a consideration when we are talking about children's lives and welfare.

We need to ensure that going forward with any future catchment change the process includes a review of safer routes to schools and a general risk assessment with mitigation proposals included so children can use active travel safely.

Councillors please feel free to contact me directly via email or on [redacted]

Best regards, and thank you in advance for giving this problem your time and consideration.

From: Road Safety Customer Care
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter from your constituent [redacted] speed limits on Kirkgate, Currie (Case Ref: ED21849)
Date: 10 January 2022 12:32:00

Hi [redacted]

Yes we are emailing all the ward councillors too .

Kind regards

[redacted] Road Safety & Active Travel I Transport Networks I Place Development I The City of Edinburgh Council I G4, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG I [redacted] edinburgh.gov.uk

From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 January 2022 12:26
To: Road Safety Customer Care
Subject: RE: Letter from your constituent [redacted] speed limits on Kirkgate, Currie (Case Ref: ED21849)

Thanks [redacted] sounds like the relevant people will be up to date then if you're engaging with stakeholders.

If it would be of benefit make sure the relevant elected members are kept in the loop.

Cheers

[redacted] | [redacted] | Operational Services | Place | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court BC 3.3, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG | Mob [redacted] | [redacted] edinburgh.gov.uk | www.edinburgh.gov.uk

From: Road Safety Customer Care <transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 10 January 2022 12:16
To: [redacted] <[redacted] edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Letter from your constituent [redacted] speed limits on Kirkgate, Currie (Case Ref: ED21849)

Hi [redacted]

Sorry for the delay in responding the Road Safety and Active Travel team are working to gather and review baseline information that can be used to measure the impacts of any subsequent speed limit reductions. We are in ongoing engagement with stakeholders until the end of January.

We have an internal workshop scheduled at the end of January to progress the proposed network.

Kind regards

[redacted] Road Safety & Active Travel I Transport Networks I Place Development I The City of Edinburgh Council I G4, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG I [redacted]edinburgh.gov.uk

From: [redacted] <[redacted]edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 December 2021 12:39
To: Road Safety Customer Care <transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Letter from your constituent [redacted] speed limits on Kirkgate, Currie (Case Ref: ED21849)

Hi all,

Rather sadly I am tidying up my emails and was wondering if this one was addressed or if we have any further updates on the rural speed limit review?

If we do have an update can you please send out a very brief message to all the relevant elected members in January?

Cheers

[redacted] | [redacted] | Operational Services | Place | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court BC 3.3, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG | Mob [redacted] | [redacted]edinburgh.gov.uk | www.edinburgh.gov.uk

From: [redacted] <[redacted]edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 August 2021 17:09
To: [redacted] <[redacted]edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Letter from your constituent [redacted] speed limits on Kirkgate, Currie (Case Ref: ED21849)

Hi [redacted]

Can you update [redacted] on this one as well please.

She mentioned that this was something that you also spoke about at your July meeting (rural roads).

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]edinburgh.gov.uk
Sent: 22 June 2021 13:01
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]edinburgh.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Letter from your constituent [redacted] speed limits on Kirkgate, Currie (Case Ref: ED21849)
Good Afternoon Mr [redacted]

Thank you for your email to Councillor Webber. Please be assured that she is continuing to try and get rural speeds reviewed and will bring it up again at the meeting with the Roads Manager when she meets with him in a few weeks time.

Councillor Webber will keep you updated on the situation.

Kind regards.

Irene

[redacted] | [redacted] for Councillor Mark Brown, Councillor Jim Campbell, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Councillor Max Mitchell, Councillor Jason Rust and Councillor Iain Whyte | Conservative Group | Level 9 | City Chambers | High Street | Edinburgh | EH1 1YJ | [redacted] | [redacted] edinburgh.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 June 2021 19:29
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] ; [redacted]
Subject: Re: Letter from your constituent [redacted] speed limits on Kirkgate, Currie

Hello

I first raised this matter last summer 2020 but sadly no progress appears to have been made.

I'm writing again about this speed limit on Kirk Brae, is there any progress on getting this road to have a sensible speed limit, given the numbers of non motor traffic and pedestrians continuing to use the road in all seasons. We are in a changed world now and this seems ridiculous to have a legal 60mph limit on a road like that which is used far more than in pre-covid days.

Can you please update me ?Send Email

Kind regards

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: 13 January 2021 15:41
To: Susan Webber
Subject: Re: Letter from your constituent [redacted] speed limits
on Kirkgate, Currie

Dear Councillor,

I am sure you will agree that there continues to be high usage of the Kirkgate road by the general public, whether walkers, cyclists or horse riders and others, and it is still a matter of utmost concern that the speed limit remains at 60mph on this narrow pavement-less country road, which continues to also carry much increased traffic than pre-Covid times.

Do you have any update on the issue of the excessive speed and lowering of speed limit for safety reasons on the Kirkgate hill leading up to Harlaw reservoir ?

Thanks in advance

[redacted]

> -----Original Message-----
> From: [redacted]
> Sent: 27 July 2020 12:59
> To: Susan Webber
> Cc: [redacted] ;
> [redacted] edinburgh@inbound.caseworkergov.com
> Subject: Re: Letter from your constituent [redacted]
> Importance: High

>
> Dear Councillor,
>
> Many thanks for your prompt reply. It is heartening that the issue is at least accepted and hopefully will get addressed at some point. Is there any way I and the wider public can be kept informed of any progress on the rural roads speed issue ?
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>
> Kind regards
>
> [redacted]

>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: [redacted]
>> Sent: 27 July 2020 11:05
>> To: Susan Webber
>> Subject: Letter from your constituent [redacted]
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>> This message was also sent to: Cllr Graeme Bruce, Cllr Neil
>> Gardiner, Cllr Ricky Henderson
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>> [redacted]
>> [redacted]
>> Currie
>> City of Edinburgh
>> [redacted]
>>
>> Phone: [redacted]
>>
>> Email:
>> [redacted]
>>
>> Monday 27 July 2020
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>> Dear Graeme Bruce, Ricky Henderson, Susan Webber and Neil Gardiner,
>>
>> I am writing to you collectively hoping that my issue can be investigated by one or more of you. It concerns the speed limit on Kirkgate, and Harlaw Road, Currie.
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>> As someone who frequents this lovely area on our doorstep, I have been aware of vastly increased levels of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders using both these roads since the Covid-19 situation began.
>> Unfortunately the amount of road traffic is now back at pre-Covid or increased levels as people drive to the car-parks at Harlaw Reservoir.
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>> The speed limit changes from 30mph to the de-restricted National Speed Limit of 60mph just after the Blinkbonny Road junction just past the Currie Cemetery. This would seem to be grossly excessive given the narrowness of the carriageway, and the two near 90 degree bends at the top of the long hill, combined with the increased levels of non-motorised traffic using this road, and essential slow-moving farm traffic. I believe a serious accident under the present set-up is inevitable, given that some drivers are driving way too fast for the road conditions, whilst still well under the existing 60mph limit. I have personally had to take evasive action near the sharp bend at the top of the Kirkgate when a car driver negotiated the bend too fast and did not expect to see pedestrians and cyclists just around the corner.
>>
>> This previously quiet country road is clearly unsuitable for pavement and/or cycle lanes to be installed. Going forward the level of non-motorised traffic is very likely to be maintained or increase and I would ask that consideration be given at the earliest to address the growing safety concerns I

have highlighted above.
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>> Yours sincerely,
>>
>> [redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: Road Safety Customer Care
Subject: Re: 2027603 - Kirkgate, Currie
Date: 15 October 2025 15:54:04

Thank you [redacted] for this information.

[redacted]

On 15 Oct 2025, at 13:05, Road Safety Customer Care wrote:

Hi,
Further to my email below I have since been advised that Kirkgate is included in a list of Rural Roads which is proposed to subject to a reduced speed limit next year as detailed in the following report.
https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s78115/7.7+-+Rural+Roads+Speed+Limit+Implementation+Plan.pdf
In view of this, I will not be arranging for a speed monitoring exercise to be undertaken as per my email yesterday, pre and post -monitoring will be undertaken as part of the speed reduction exercise.
Regards
[redacted] | Road Safety
Network Management & Enforcement | Operational Services | Place
City of Edinburgh Council | 4 East Market Street | Edinburgh | EH8 8BG
[redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk

From: Road Safety Customer Care
Sent: 14 October 2025 16:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: 2027603 - Kirkgate, Currie
Hi,
Thanks for contacting us regarding issues on Kirkgate in Currie..
First, I will pass you concern relating to pitting and potholes to our Roads Operations team who are responsible for repairs.
Regarding speeding The Road Safety team undertakes bi-annual batches of traffic surveys at locations where speeding concerns have been raised. Traffic data allows us to direct our resources to the locations where there is significant speed limit non-compliance.
As outlined in the report Evaluation of the 20mph Speed Limit Roll Out, which was approved by the Council's Transport and Environment Committee on 11 October 2019, the Council's Road Safety team will investigate the suitability of further speed reduction measures at locations where average speeds are measured above normal tolerance.
It is currently anticipated that the next batch of traffic surveys will be undertaken in

Spring 2026 and I have added Kirkgate to the list.

If there is a particular location on Kirkgate that you wish for the traffic survey to be carried out, please contact transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk. Otherwise, the survey will be sited where we consider most appropriate.

Regards

[redacted] | Road Safety
Network Management & Enforcement | Operational Services | Place
City of Edinburgh Council | 4 East Market Street | Edinburgh | EH8 8BG
[redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk

From: Road Safety Customer Care
To: [redacted]
Cc: Road Safety Customer Care
Subject: FW: 2027603 - Kirkgate, Currie
Date: 16 October 2025 12:49:58
Attachments: image003.png

Helo [redacted]

FYI as they say.

[redacted]

From: Roads Operations Mailbox
Sent: 16 October 2025 12:16
To: Road Safety Customer Care ; Roads Operations Mailbox
Subject: RE: 2027603 - Kirkgate, Currie

Hi, we have now logged this enquiry for inspection with our area inspector under reference number 34010469.

Kind regards
[redacted]

[redacted] |Customer & Digital services |corporate services |
CEC Bankhead Depot| 14 Bankhead Avenue Edinburgh EH11 4HD [redacted]

[redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk

(carriageway, footway defects, potholes, kerbs, slabs, road markings, bollards, guardrail)

From: Road Safety Customer Care <transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 October 2025 16:39
To: Roads Operations Mailbox <roadsoperations@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: 2027603 - Kirkgate, Currie

Hi,

We have received tis through CONFIRM

I've responded on the speeding matter and advised the customer that I have passed the condition complain to you.

If you want to respond the contact is [redacted]

Regards

[redacted] Road Safety
Network Management & Enforcement | Operational Services | Place
City of Edinburgh Council | 4 East Market Street | Edinburgh | EH8 8BG
[redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk

From: Road Safety Customer Care
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Speed survey and road safety assessment request - Kirkgate, Currie
Date: 06 October 2026 16:55:22

Hi [redacted]

I will respond to the first part of your email but as you wish the request to be dealt with under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I would require you to submit it formally using this link.

Regards

[redacted] I Road Safety and Local Travel I Network Management & Enforcement | Transport & Mobility | Place | The City of Edinburgh Council I Waverley Court I 4 East Market Street I Edinburgh I EH8 8BG
[redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk I www.edinburgh.gov.uk

From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 October 2026 11:36
To: Road Safety Customer Care <transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; Stephen Jenkinson <Cllr.Stephen.Jenkinson@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: Speed survey and road safety assessment request - Kirkgate, Currie

Dear Road Safety Team,

I live at [redacted] Kirkgate, Currie, EH14 6AR. I am writing about vehicle speeds and collisions on the street.

This email has two parts. Part 1 asks for a speed survey and road safety assessment. Part 2 is a request for information the council already holds.

Background

There have been repeated collisions on Kirkgate over the last few years, including vehicles hitting parked cars and property. For example:

13 August 2023 – Kirkgate – a stone wall collapsed, leaving rubble.
24 August 2026 – Kirkgate – a stone garden wall collapsed, with rubble across the pavement and into the garden.
5 October 2026 – Kirkgate – a crash was reported by neighbours.

I have young children, and vehicles regularly travel too fast for a street used this way.

Part 1: speed survey and road safety assessment

Please:

- Confirm the speed limit that applies to Kirkgate and the Traffic Regulation Order that sets it.
- Add Kirkgate to your next batch of speed surveys, and tell me which batch it will be in and when that is likely to take place. I would ask for a seven-day automatic traffic count in both directions on Kirkgate. It should record traffic volumes, vehicle types, average and 85th-percentile speeds, and speeds by time of day and day of the week.
- Include Kirkgate in a road safety assessment that looks beyond average speeds. It should cover the collision history (including damage-only incidents known to the council), the road layout, visibility and parking, the condition of the pavements, and the people who walk along the street, including children.
- Share the survey results with me. If Kirkgate has a 20mph limit and the average speed is above 24mph, please confirm that a site investigation will follow. If no measures are proposed, please explain the criteria used, how Kirkgate scored against them and the reasons for the decision.
- Tell me what measures could be considered, such as signage, road markings or traffic calming. Please also pass the survey results to Police Scotland for targeted enforcement.
- Give me a reference number for this request.

Part 2: request for existing information

Please treat this part as a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 for environmental information, and under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 for any other information.

Please provide the following recorded information for Kirkgate, Currie, for the period 1 January 2018 to 5 October 2026:

a. Any speed or traffic volume counts or surveys, including the dates, locations, method and results.

b. Any road safety assessments, site investigations or engineering reports, and records of complaints or concerns raised about speeding or road safety on the street. Please remove other residents' personal information.

c. Any collision data the council holds for the street, as aggregate figures.

d. The criteria, scoring or prioritisation method the council uses to decide on speed surveys, site investigations and road safety measures. If Kirkgate has been assessed

against these criteria, please also provide its score or position.

e. The Traffic Regulation Order that sets the current speed limit on Kirkgate.

If any of this information is not held, or has been destroyed under your retention policy, please say so. If any part of the request is too broad, please advise me how to narrow it. Electronic copies by email are fine.

I am also sending a separate request to Police Scotland for recorded collision and incident figures for the street. I will share these with you when I have them.

Please reply by email to [redacted] I am happy to meet on site or provide more detail if that would help.

Kind regards,

[redacted]