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Mr. B. Abraham,
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Dear Mr. Abraham,

I write as Headmaster of Lancaster Royal Grammar School to comment on the proposals for a new 20mph speed limit to be introduced in East Road area.

I have three recommendations:

1.

- My concern is for the safety of the boys at the school. LRGS is unusual (unique?) in occupying buildings on all four sides of a busy crossroads.
- The boys not only cross these roads on their journeys to and from school, but also between lessons during the day. To move from a P.E. lesson to a Biology lesson for example, the boys must cross two of the roads. We estimate that there are close to 10,000 road crossings per day during school hours.
- LRGS is a state boarding school and there are 199 boys, plus staff, who live on the school site. Road crossings for these boys continue into each evening and at weekends. For some of these boys, their route to breakfast crosses two roads.
- I have marked on the map (attached) the nine crossing points most frequently used by the boys.
- It would be strongly preferred if all of these crossing points were included in the 20mph zone.
- I would therefore request that the 20/30 signs should be positioned somewhat lower on Moorgate and significantly higher on both Quernmore Road (beyond Derwent Road) and Wyresdale Road (beyond Christ church).

2 The "20" vehicle activated speed sign is currently positioned in the middle of the school. There would be merit in there being two of these. One could be positioned midway down Quernmore Road and the other midway down Wyresdale Road. Traffic is then slowed as it approaches towards the crossroads.

3. Consideration should be given to extend the 20mph speed limit along Derwent Road. This would incorporate access both to Christ Church Primary School and the LRGS playing fields. There is regular pupil access to these pitches along the top half of Derwent Road.

Please contact me if I can provide any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A. M. JARMAN
Headmaster