

## Public questions for Online Public meeting 25 May 2023

### Overarching questions

- Who is responsible for road safety and how do they work with communities to ensure people are safe?
  - Do these people have an input into planning decisions?
- Who is responsible for enforcing speed limits, and how is this done?
  - Communities say that the safety cameras are ineffective as they are never in the right place at the right time and there are not enough of them.
  - Safety Camera Vans are positioned in locations where there have previously been killed or seriously injured, do communities have to wait for a serious incident to occur before speeding enforcement and road safety concerns can be addressed?
  - Do Safety Camera Vans work in the dark?
- If I have a concern about speeding / antisocial road use (noise, racing, untaxed vehicles, etc) who should I report this to, and what actions will be taken?
  - We are hearing from communities that speeding motorists and noisy vehicles are affecting the safety and peace of the countryside for motorists, pedestrians and residents – but no action is being taken, or more action is required. What are the police doing about this?
  - Is Community Speed Watch still up and running and how effective is this?
- Why don't we have average speed cameras in York and North Yorkshire, what is the evidence?
  - Communities are asking for a range of methods to enforce speeding, including fixed speed cameras and average speed cameras, in addition to the Safety Camera Vans. A petition has been started.
- How do people apply for a change in speed limit (60 – 40 or 20MPH zone)  
Do the police enforce the 20MPH speed limit
- Who is responsible for ensuring that our pavements are safe spaces and who enforces this?
  - What should people do if they have a concern about parking on the pavements or across junctions?
- What work is being undertaken to educate motorists and cyclists about sharing the roads responsibly?
  - We are hearing concerns about motorists not giving cyclists enough safe space when passing.

### Non road safety issues

- Understaffing of the Firearms team at North Yorkshire Police
  - “North Yorkshire Police has 27,000 firearms certificate holders and 17 staff within all of the Firearms Licensing Team, The Metropolitan Police has 3,000 more certificate holders but has a staffing level in excess of 70.”
  - “I understand that we are unable to recruit due to financial constraints – Please can the Commissioner look into this?”
- When will the UK flag be removed from police uniforms?
- When will the 101 number be fixed?

- Is online reporting fully up and running – from my experience it isn't?
- I had a recent experience with the police and would like to ask the Commissioner to ensure that all officers have adequate training to identify Autism and to deal with individuals appropriately – according to their needs.
- Can Parish Councils receive regular police report without having to ask, and can it include all crimes within our parish and any other relevant information?
  - Would it be possible for clerk's to access the data?

## All questions with summary questions

### Average speed cameras

**Mr Thompson Burton in Lonsdale**

- **Speeding - A683 Burton in Lonsdale - Lancashire County Council use average speed cameras, why don't we?**
- **Why don't we have fixed speed cameras?**

Hi Zoe, I am the chair of Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council. Our village is adjacent to the Lancashire border. Lancashire County Council appears to have a policy to install average speed cameras on busy roads, in particular the nearby A683 where work is in progress. Once this work is complete it seems likely that vehicles, particularly motorcycles, will re-route through our village. Is there scope for North Yorks to consider static cameras in this sort of location? If, not what other action can we take? Also, please could the Chief Constable explain North Yorks strategy on the use of static cameras?

**Ms Greef – Burton in Lonsdale**

- **Would it be possible for the police to come and monitor the horrendous road safety issues on the A687 to Lancaster from the A65 through the village of Burton in Lonsdale.**

Would it be possible for the police to come and monitor the horrendous road safety issues on the A687 to Lancaster from the A65 through the village of Burton in Lonsdale. I along with other residents would like to speak in person regarding our valid concerns for the local residents that have to walk the pavement to the local village shop, church and village hall. We have elderly people and parents with prams and children that have to walk to these locations in the village.

We have to suffer articulated lorries, tractors along with cars mounting the pavement, which is now pitted where all the vehicles come on the pavement.

We here abuse from drivers, shouting at each other whilst trying to get past in a hurry, this is supposed to be a 20 mph zone, but this is not the case on this stretch of road.

Cars parked are being damaged due to speeding vehicles and not wanting to give way to oncoming traffic.

The aim of the visit would be to try negotiate signs, calming measures to help the situation and show you footage of what we have to deal with daily.

**Ms Palmer – Skipton**

- **Why does North Yorkshire Constabulary continue to be one of only two counties that do not use fixed/average speed cameras to enforce the speed limits within villages on major routes such as the A65.**
- **Do we really have to have more fatalities before action is taken on our side of the border?**

Why does North Yorkshire Constabulary continue to be one of only two counties that do not use fixed/average speed cameras to enforce the speed limits within villages on major routes such as the A65. Our neighbouring county of Lancashire has found such great success with average speed cameras on the accident prevalent A682, that they are going to extend the coverage right to the border of North Yorkshire. Surely this clearly shows the effectiveness of such cameras in cutting the death toll on this road that then joins the A65 that passes through our Village of Long Preston. Do we really have to have more fatalities before action is taken on our side of the border?

### **Ms Taylor – Cowling**

- **Please can speeding in Cowling be reviewed**
- **Why are North Yorkshire Police so committed to the strategy of mobile speed cameras when the strategies clearly not working?**
- **Average speed cameras are being rolled out in Lancashire right up to the North Yorkshire border due to their success. Why can't North Yorkshire do the same in villages with major issues?**
- **The use of statistics to identify road safety don't appear to reflect what is actually happening.**

Since the airing of horrendous speeding footage in Cowling on national and regional TV, nothing has changed in Cowling. The speed van acts as a pod of lawfulness when it's here and speeding resumes when it's gone. Night time is horrendous. Why are North Yorkshire Police so committed to the strategy of mobile speed cameras when the strategies clearly not working?

Average speed cameras are being rolled out in Lancashire right up to the North Yorkshire border due to their success. Why can't North Yorkshire do the same in villages with major issues? It's understood not every village can have his so start with the hot spots.

The Chief Constable said at the last meeting that fixed cameras created pod of lawfulness. Mobile Cameras do the same within seconds as drivers warn one another. The difference is the mobile camera leaves and speeding resumes whereas the fixed camera stays so at least there is some relief for speeding. RoSPA also find fixed cameras have better efficacy than mobile so why are the N Yorkshire Police so fixated on mobile speed cameras?

Lancashire and West Yorkshire are increasing their use of both average and fixed cameras to complement their mobile camera strategy. Why do North Yorkshire only use one strategy, and one which hasn't been invested in as the North Yorkshire Police tell us our mobile cameras cannot be used at night making night time a speeders delight?

The use of statistics appears to be selective and this is negatively impacting on the quality of life of small villages. My village has several accidents every year which include people crashing through walls and cars ending up spun around through high speed collisions. However, by sheer luck, the death rate is low but this doesn't mean our road is not hazardous, and when asked about my village

the statistics that are quoted are not remotely related to reality. When will the North Yorkshire Police adopt a more forward looking approach to villages experiencing anti-social driving, and take into account quality of life and constant reports of speeding?

#### **Mr Wiseman – Cowling**

- **The road through Cowling is literally a race track at night. This situation is a disaster waiting to happen. Why are you so resistant to speed cameras (fixed or average) when almost every other force in the country think they are a good idea?**

Despite you saying that the speeding measures are working, as a resident of Cowling it is obvious they most definitely are not.

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#### **Ms Tallant – Cowling**

- **What are the police doing about road safety in Cowling?**

After all the work Cowling residents have done to get the attention of the authorities why are we still not anywhere closer to having average speed cameras implemented. The extra islands have done nothing but encourage even more dangerous driving for idiots are now overtaking the entire length of that bit of road. Waste of tax payers money! We are a laughing stock of neighbouring counties!! Why is it we are a joke? Why do our lives not matter? We can't even get a pavement to our local primary school and told it's too dangerous to have a lollipop lady and we are STILL getting fobbed off by the people who should have our welfare at heart. Just be honest in this accountability meeting and admit you actually just won't do anything other than offer empty words.

#### **Ms Shearer – Cowling**

- **Why do west Yorkshire and Lancashire have speed camera's and average speed? and the small village in north Yorkshire have to put up with 24/7speeding**

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#### **Mr Smout – Cowling**

- **Why are the police not listening to the public, who have signed a petition to have fixed and average speed cameras?**
- **If mobile speed cameras are so effective, why aren't they used in other areas of the country?**

At the last accountability meeting I asked a question about the lack of effective speed enforcement in the county due to the county NOT having any fixed or average speed cameras and instead relying ONLY on mobile speed camera vans. . The response given brushed aside the concerns of hundreds of people who have signed a petition calling for the county to utilise fixed and average cameras and thereby come into line with all but one other English county. The answers given were unsatisfactory and inaccurate in as much as it was implied that fixed & average cameras are not as effective as mobile cameras. This cannot be accurate information otherwise the other counties would not have invested so heavily in the technology. Various statements implied that mobile units are more effective. This opinion doesn't stack up against the evidence on speed camera deployment from ROSPA and motoring organisations or other police forces.

### **Owthwaite – Cowling**

- **Please can Commissioner Zoë ask that a review of road safety enforcement is undertaken which considers fixed and variable speed cameras**

I was astonished at the misinformation and misunderstandings given in the last meeting by the Police.

Contrary to their statements our neighbouring forces have a totally different approach to speeding through our county villages. Lancashire are increasing their average speed cameras unlike the opposite stated misinformation given by a NYP. And WY are also spending more on speeding infrastructure. So we are sandwiched between proper enforcement and the free for all policy adopted by NYP. They are supposed to have a multi pronged strategy but instead they have a few random speeding teams to patrol a wide area. Why they don't seek help from camera support like all the other UK counties is never explained properly.

They talk of the halo effect of fixed cameras yet speak nothing of average speed cameras which slows traffic throughout a village. There is a halo effect with mobiles too so why only use a few random vans??

They spend v little money on mobile cameras and say they work at night. THEY DO NOT IN NY. This is because they use outdated technologies unlike Lancashire and WY. To compensate they could put police cars in the dark in our village - about once in a year occurrence.

Ms Metcalfe you need to take the police to task on the above as they literally were telling you misinformation last meeting.

### **Ms Smith – Cowling**

- **Why don't North Yorkshire agree to fixed average speed cameras in our villages?**

Why don't North Yorkshire agree to fixed average speed cameras in our villages? The dangerous speeds, unsocial behaviour and noise pollution is ruining our lives and effecting our mental health.

30mph means 30mph not 40, 80,100!

It is frustrating as we are surrounded by West Yorkshire and Lancashire who have all types of measures in place to protect and support their communities.

## Safety Camera Vans / Speed limits / Speed enforcement

**Mr WOOD - Skipton**

- **Speeding A65 - How many speeding penalties have been imposed on the A65 in the last 12 months?**
- **What times do the safety camera vans operate, I haven't seen one operating outside 6am to 8pm, and why?**
- **Why are average speed cameras not used?**

"Speeding through the villages along the A65 is a continuing problem , throughout the day and night, You as commissioner have been provided with evidence from our village VAS system that this is an endemic problem with all users of the A65 , with on average 9 to 10% driving in excess of the 30 MPH speed limit. The North Yorkshire Police persist in their strategy of using mobile speed monitoring vehicles, which have a temporary effect .

How many speeding penalties have been imposed on the A65 in the last 12 months?

The A65 has on average 3,000 TO 3500 vehicles per day travelling upon it through Long Preston that is an average of 325 offenders per day at all times of the day, The North Yorkshire police strategy clearly is NOT working.

What time of the day do these mobile speed monitoring vehicles work, I have never seen one either before 6 am or after 8 pm. Is this because their devices do not work in the hours of darkness or is it that this is merely a revenue generation operation rather than a public safety issue?

There is a real issue or not only public safety with the speed of the vehicles but also one of public nuisance with heavy lorries thundering through the village at speeds in excess of 30 mph, seemingly with little likelihood of any sanctions.

Why do North Yorkshire persist in resisting the obvious need for average speed cameras at strategic points along the A65 . There is no need for any ' assessment of the use of Average speed cameras' They are used the length and breadth of the UK with great effect and 41 of the 43 forces in England and Wales have operating systems, why does North Yorkshire NOT use this system ?"

**Mr Carter Ampleforth**

- **Can the area near St Hilda's Primary School York be made into a 20mph area?**

Station Road past St Hilda's Primary School is a gradual incline/decline with traffic frequently exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Can the area near the school be made a 20mph limit?

**Ms muir Cracoe**

- **Speed limit and speed control in Cracoe**
- **Why do the police enforce the speed limit in Threshfield (30mph) but not in Cracoe (40mph), just down the road?**

Why do the police speed control people concentrate on Threshfield to such an extent and yet ignore Cracoe? There is little possibility of speeding in the 30mph Threshfield area, yet we see them there

often. In Cracoe, where the speed limit is ridiculously 40mph, meaning traffic can with impunity do 44mph through a village that has a school, pub, two shops and a cafe, we very very rarely see police speed cameras. And when we do, it's always at the times and days when speeding is less prevalent, like 3pm on a weekday. They should set up between 4.30pm and 5.30 pm on working weekdays ,and mornings and late afternoons on busy weekends and Bank holidays. They would be surprised at the number of people doing 50 and up during those periods. Motorbikes doing ton-ups down the road are common. Conniston Cold has proved that if you target a village over several weeks, and at peak times, people continue to stick to the speed limit years after the last surveillance operation was carried out.

**Mr Taylor - Burton in Lonsdale**

- **I understand that NY Police have a policy of not enforcing 20mph speed limits. Is this correct and, if so, why not?**

I understand that NY Police have a policy of not enforcing 20mph speed limits. Is this correct and, if so, why not? It means they are useless and people who think they can rely on slower speed traffic may be put in danger. There was a campaign for "twenty's plenty" two years ago, clearly that was a waste of time.

**Cllr John Mann Harrogate**

- **20mph areas – Please can the police enforce these speed limits?**

"North Yorkshire Council is just completing its 20 mph speed review. The council is supporting North Yorkshire Police's review of speed enforcement. Could I submit the following request to this Police-led review of speed enforcement in the county. I would like to request that the police let the public know that they will in future enforce 20 mph limits, especially near local schools and that they will undertake periodic and visible and enforcement activities designed to ensure the public complies with 20mph limits, especially those outside and near to schools.

There is nothing more important than child safety and accident statistics across the country, including North Yorkshire , show that 16 children per week on average get injured walking, cycling or travelling by car to school."

**Mr & Mrs Webb Cross Hills**

- **Speeding through 20mph area on Cross Hills Main Street**
- **Road users ignoring red light on crossing**

The road speed through Cross Hills Main Street is signposted as 20mph. Why is it no driver maintains that speed. In the evening the road become a race track no where near 20mph. We go for a walk almost every evening and use one of the pelican crossings either end of Main Street. On three occasions we have had our clothes torn as we cross at the green light and drives speed through nearly taking us with them. Using the crossing's means taking your life into your own hands vehicle with ignore the red stop, cruise towards you at speed to hurry pedestrians across or simply drive round pedestrians in a red light. All of the above are a total abuse of traffic laws and regulations and eventually someone will get serious hurt, after our near misses I do hope it is neither of ourselves.

I personally Will not speak to any police officer wearing such a badge."

## **Mr Blackburn Saltburn by the Sea**

- **Hinderwell – Speeding – The safety camera van does attend but has limited effect**
- **1, What further steps can the police and / or the community take to encourage use of appropriate speed.**
- **2, Are the police able to increase their presence to tackle speeding, etc..**
- **3, If a community speed watch was to be put in place I have fears of retribution from penalised drivers on those involved in operating such a speed watch. What can be done to obviate such risks?**
- **4. What criteria must be met to implement speed cameras on the High Street.**
- **5, If a resident makes a report of speeding / anti-social driving what is the likelihood of the police taking action on that report.**

"Hello,

I live on the High Street in Hinderwell. This is a busy road throughout the year serving many of the coastal villages and a main route from Luftus / Carling How etc to Whitby. It is also the main service route to Boulby Mine.

Traffic density is high from around 6:00 throughout the day.

Speeding, anti social and discourteous driving are a constant nuisance and pose a real risk to the safety of all road users, parked vehicles and pedestrians alike . Many residents and visitors must park on the road as few are afforded off-road parking and this often leads to ""crowding"" of traffic where the risks of excess speed are exacerbated.

I do recognise that from time to time mobile speed cameras mounted in police vehicles are deployed in the area (near the Methodist Chapel) but these seem to have little lasting effect on driver behaviour.

I have five questions:

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- 2, Are the police able to increase their presence to tackle speeding, etc..
- 3, If a community speed watch was to be put in place I have fears of retribution from penalised drivers on those involved in operating such a speed watch. What can be done to obviate such risks?
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Thank you."

## **Mr O'Byrne – Raskelf**

- **What direct action will be taken to address speeding on the outskirts of 30 mph areas where the speed limit is regularly broken?**

I live on the 40 mph stretch of Raskelf Road entering Easingwold. The road transitions from a 60 mph limit to a 40 mph limit a third of a mile before entering the town. Monitoring by the North Yorkshire Police Speed Concern Unit shows, particularly during morning and evening "rush hour", cars



persistently exceeding the 40 mph speed limit with many drivers seemingly assuming it is a continuation of the 60 mph limit. I understand that the Police Speed Management Protocol means no action will be taken until there are enough accidents to warrant attention. Given this section of the road is used extensively by walkers (although there is no footpath for much of its length), cyclists and horses, this seems a somewhat fatalistic approach to the welfare of the public. What direct action will be taken to address this type of persistent speeding when entering / leaving towns and villages?

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**Ms Knowles Ingleton**

- **Ingleton A65 New Road – Changing the speed limit**
- **Who does make the decision on speed limits and do the stats need to show a fatality on the stretch of road in order for action to be taken?**
- **Please can we request a re-assessment of the speed limit?**

On 10th March, after attending Ingleton Parish Council meeting with a neighbour due to speed limit concerns on the A65/New Rd, I emailed 5 addresses, maybe you'll have the email there? The only replies were to refer me back to the Parish Council or to say that they do not make the decision on speed limits. Could you confirm who does make the decision and do the stats need to show a fatality on the stretch of road in order for action to be taken? I saw a Police Officer with a mobile speed detector a couple of weeks ago but he said that the stats don't show a requirement. (Of course vehicles slow down when there's a high-viz wearing Police Officer and Police Car visible) Unfortunately, the stats don't show the school children, motorbikes, caravans, narrow pavements, increased junctions due to recent developments and the inconsistency with the other stretches of this road either. Please can we request a re-assessment of the speed limit? The Police Officer knew that the Parish Council had this as a hot subject, but there's only so many times they can discuss it and send emails that don't promise any action. (There is a Destination Organisation meeting just prior to your meeting which I'm already booked on, so will catch up on your meeting later)

**Mr Crossland – Kirkbymoorside**

- **Blakey Ridge is being used as a race track. Mainly fast cars and motorcycles. The main times are on a Saturday or Sunday**
- **Something needs doing to stop these idiots.**

Blakey Ridge is being used as a race track. Mainly fast cars and motorcycles. The main times are on a Saturday or Sunday. When I sit in the office you can hear them in the distance then they fly past over the brow of the hill towards Castleton. Coming the other way they fly past coming over the hill. They have no idea what is waiting for them. In the past they have smashed into cars leaving or entering our car park. Many of our customers walk across the road to look at the view over Rosedale. They would not stand a chance of being hit by one of them. Going to work from Hutton Le Hole I often see groups of them racing down the road. They even all meet up in our car park sometimes. It is only a matter of time before there are some really bad accidents. Something needs doing to stop these idiots.

**Hoyland – Kirkbymoorside**

- **Concerned about road safety – Market square and speeding motorists in West End**

The safety of road traffic up Piercy End into Market Square. As well as speeding motorbikes down West End.

#### **Mr Bromley – Ingleton**

- **B6255 – serious crashes are common**
- **Large swarms of powerful, and many noisy motorbikes, use this (and many other roads in the area) as a racetrack.**
- **Why do the police not have a blitz on this (no, NOT just for one day as a token gesture), and simply enforce the law?**
- **Why do the police find it so hard to enforce the law with bikers?**

As you will be aware, there were three serious crashes involving motorbike drivers on the B6255 between Ingleton and Hawes on Sunday, 21st May. This is by no means uncommon - in fact, it is expected, as a weekend event.

Large swarms of powerful motorbikes use this (and many other roads in the area) as a racetrack. The speed limit is 60mph. Most car drivers follow this law. Very many motorbikers do not. Everyone suffers the consequences. Every accident costs society a great deal of money, especially with the air ambulance having to attend so many of the accidents. Why do the police not have a blitz on this (no, NOT just for one day as a token gesture), and simply enforce the law?

The motorbike hordes also make a terrific noise, storming through the centre of Ingleton and other towns and villages. Try crossing the A65 to get to the Co-op! Again, the police do NOT enforce the law on urban speed limits or noise outputs. In no way could middle-aged, middle-class car drivers get away with this despicable behaviour.

Why do bikers have carte blanche to break the law? Are the Police afraid of them? Why are they allowed to spoil so much for so many? Would they be allowed to wander about with loaded firearms in public - of course not, but their bikes are just as dangerous!

#### **Mr Howle – Lofthouse – Vehicle noise**

- **Please can North Yorkshire Police install acoustic road cameras in Upper Nidderdale?**

The tranquillity of my village – Lofthouse, in Upper Nidderdale – has been blighted in recent years by excessive noise from exhausts. This is an increasingly prevalent issue, with the noise being attributable to motorbikes, scrambler bikes and 4x4s with adapted exhausts. Owing to the incline leading out of the village, users will rev up their engines, causing significant disturbance in our small but densely populated village. Acoustic road cameras are a cost effective and results-driven method reducing anti-social behaviour associated with adapted exhausts. Such cameras have successfully been deployed in Kensington since 2021 – in the first three months of operation the two cameras have resulted in 150 fines and zero repeat offenders.

#### **Mr Belling – Skipton**

- **please can we see a frequent and prolonged presence by the mobile units in Long Preston at times of day that are effective and meaningful. If this is not possible then please can we have an explanation of why not?**

After recent exchanges regarding the problem of excess speeds in Long Preston we would be grateful to know why a regular presence by the mobile speed camera unit does not take place in Long Preston? There are rare visits from these units but they stay very little time and are present at the most inappropriate times and thus are quite ineffective. Evidence does suggest that the regular presence in Coniston Cold of a camera does limit speeds whilst the population of that village is much smaller and the number of pedestrians and motorists directly accessing the A65 there a far fewer. If the policy is to not implement serious change until there is a tragic or life changing incident please can we see a frequent and prolonged presence by the mobile units in Long Preston at times of day that are effective and meaningful. If this is not possible then please can we have an explanation of why not?

#### **Lythe Parish Council – Lythe**

- **As requested via the Speed Concerns Protocol team, when will data loggers be deployed in the three areas of Lythe Parish be deployed (Sandsend, Raithwaite to Sandsend Village and Lythe)?**

#### **Holmes - Ainderby Steeple**

- **Do the police have an input on planning decisions in relation to road safety?**

Do you not think it is important for police traffic/ safety to have an opinion on road safety in planning applications where massively increased traffic movements will put on a very dangerous crossroads ( namely Warlaby) it is proposed by the applicant to direct all traffic to and from the wedding venue to use Warlaby Crossroads via a proposed new access road They are looking to hold weddings and events which at the moment use the existing access direct from Ainderby Steeple for up to 150 guests. The traffic movements for the 20/21May was 194 over the 2 days for only 80 guests most of which were concentrated to immediately before the wedding and at the end. This and previous wedding have been held without planning permission Even Highways accepted that the vision lines were poor and that their preferred route was by Ainderby Steeple.

I do think in these circumstances that the Police should have a view on safety of the crossroads and the implications of massively increased traffic and their views should be made public

Planning ref 23/00625/FUL

#### **Mr Carter – York**

- **Can the commissioner to look again at where Safety Cameras operate and why so many when there are simply no accidents on most of the locations and to highlight the deep mistrust of them.**

The overzealous use of speed camera traps and the detrimental effect it is having on the hard working community. The communities negative attitude to the police overall because of this and the effect it is having on businesses such as courier companies being unable to recruit drivers.

Can the commissioner to look again at where these cameras operate and why so many when there are simply no accidents on most of the locations and to highlight the deep mistrust of them. Also to make the commissioner aware of the general exceptionally negative feeling the community has towards the police because of them.

#### **Mr White – Whitley**

- **When are you going to change your out of touch policy of refusing to deploy fixed speed cameras in the county?**
- **The camera safety van visits our community at most 2 hours a month, and makes no difference.**

When are you going to change your out of touch policy of refusing to deploy fixed speed cameras in the county?

NY is the only county who don't use them, why do you feel you are right and the rest of the country is wrong? You refuse to listen to constant public demands for fixed speed cameras.

The camera safety van visits our community at most 2 hours a month, and makes no difference.

Please deploy a fixed speed camera in our village and stop the speeding.

#### Cycling / Road safety

##### **Mr Jenic Malton**

- **What are the police doing to educate motorists and cyclists about the safe use of roads, particularly around passing distances?**

"As a cyclist I am bullied and abused by road users every single time I ride on british roads. Some people pass closely on purpose, beep horns, shout abuse, make gestures, however the really terrifying incidents are the ones that just don't notice you are there and pass ever so closely, or pull out in front of you.

I recently spent two weeks cycling in Spain and had no abuse thrown my way whatsoever.

What are you doing to both promote sharing our roads between all road users, and what are you doing to educate and punish those that abuse us, particularly around passing distances."

#### Parking

##### **Ms Midgley Northallerton**

- **Parking on pavements and obstruction – Who should it be reported to and who is responsible to enforce this?**

"Hi

I feel compelled to raise this question of inappropriate parking of vehicles on public footpaths and public right of ways. This inconsideration cause issues for a number of groups including parents/Grandparents with toddlers, prams and pushchairs, wheelchair/walking aids and those with all kinds of mobility issues, also these offenders seem to have little respect for Guidedogs/assistance dogs.

They would appear that it's okay for guide dogs to have to take their owners onto busy roads. It's getting to the point where pedestrians will have to walk on busy roads!

Also the local Police Authority are as guilty as members of the public for parking on pavements and it's about time they looked at the Highway Code.

Only yesterday a police vehicle drove into the no entry sign at Sainsbury's even the Guidedog was shocked and told them off in his way. They did not appear to be on a call but no excuses they should lead by example. Respect gains respect!"

#### **Mr Pick**

- **When can we expect NY police to deal with pavement parking?**
- **As a puppy walker for Guide Dogs and a sighted guide for Guide Dogs, I consider this to be a most important issue.**

#### Loud vehicles

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##### **Ms Darvell – Skipton**

- **What more can the police do to stop motorbikes with illegal after market exhausts using the A65 route to the Lake District as a race track?**
- **Is there a meaningful police operation planned?**

What more will the police do to stop motorbikes with illegal after market exhausts using the A65 route to the Lake District as a race track? The engine noise constantly rips through what should be the rural quiet and spoils the enjoyment for visitors and residents alike who should rightfully expect these roads are used safely and in accordance with the law on both speed and noise. Is there a meaningful police operation planned?

## Firearms and Explosives Licensing team – staffing levels

- **Understaffing of the Firearms team at North Yorkshire Police**
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## Uniform

**Mr Blagden Northallerton**

- **When will the UK flag be removed from police uniforms?**

"When will the defaced, UK flag be removed from police uniforms. As an ex serviceman, I find it highly offensive and disrespectful. Having served the late Queen and my country for many years, that is not the flag of the United Kingdom. It is seen by many as a "gang badge " the thin blue line started in the USA in early 50's.

## 101 – Customer contact

**Mr B – Romanby**

- **When will the 101 number be fixed?**
- **Is online reporting fully up and running – from my experience it isn't?**

Before wasting time doing an online meeting, try getting one of the Police force to answer the 101 number, hung up after trying for 16 minutes to report a road traffic offence. Followed the numerous pieces of advice to report it online only to find that the reporting service is offline... I'd focus on getting what is supposed to work actually working before looking at hosting public meetings.., MB

## Police training - Autism

**Ms Barker – Autism awareness**

- **I had a recent experience with the police and would like to ask the Commissioner to ensure that all officers have adequate training to identify Autism and to deal with individuals appropriately – according to their needs.**

## Crime reports

**Ms Robson-Booth – Northallerton**

- **Can Parish Councils receive a police report without having to nag, and can it include all crimes within our parish and any other relevant information?**
- **Would it be possible for clerk's to access the data?**

I am clerk for two Parish Councils and every month I ask for a police report to include in our Parish Council meeting.

Receiving the report is hit and miss, at present the data is collected per calendar month and the report sent shortly after the start of the month, however, this rarely happens without me having to ask.

Also the report doesn't include any local crimes that we know about.

My question is, Can Parish Councils receive a police report without having to nag and can it include all crimes within our parish and any other relevant information? Would it be possible for clerk's to access the data?