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Dear Jim,

Traffic Enforcement on the A52 in Broxtowe

I am writing to raise grave concerns that I have at the lack of any traffic enforcement measures on the A52 in Broxtowe. I know that these concerns are shared by many of my constituents.

The relevant section of the A52 extends from from Junction 25 of the M1 to what is known as Priory Island and is essentially in three parts:

- The first is from Junction 25 of the M1 to the Junction with the B6003, a roundabout known locally as Bardill's. This stretch would not be described as being close to residential properties.
- The next section extends from Bardill's to another roundabout joining the A6007 which is known as Bramcote Island. The inward Nottingham side borders the rear gardens of numerous houses and Bramcote Island is most certainly a residential area.
- The final stretch cuts through a dense residential area of my constituency with the front of homes bordering the road. There is a sports centre and school complex on the Nottingham inward side. This stretch ends at Priory Island where Woodside Road and Wollaton Vale form a roundabout controlled by lights.

On Friday 25 November at 7pm, there was a fatal RTA on the M1 bound stretch of the A52 after Priory Island near to the left hand junction with Cow Lane before Bramcote Island. Two young people lost their lives. There is, as you might imagine, a full police investigation into the matter however there is little doubt that speeding vehicles were involved.

Residents in Bramcote, Beeston and Stapleford have raised their very real concerns about speeding along this stretch of road in the past and mobile speed cameras have been used. However, I agree with my constituents that there is no alternative to permanent speed cameras on this stretch of the A52 in particular. Unfortunately, the worst fears of some of my constituents have come true and two young lives have been lost.

Such is the level of concern that one resident, Tony Smith, has started a petition which I will present to Parliament. I strongly suspect the call for permanent speed cameras will gather many hundreds of signatures.

I have already contacted Inspector Steve Wragg who is Broxtowe's most senior police officer. He assures me of his support and tells me this stretch of the A52 carries 41,000 vehicles per day. Using mobile speed cameras 1185 offenders have been caught so far this year.

I would very much welcome a meeting as soon as possible to discuss how quickly permanent speed cameras and other traffic calming methods and be installed on the A52.

You will note I have copied in Inspector Wragg, the Chief Constable, the relevant Borough and County Councillors, Mr Tony Smith and the editors of Bramcote Today, an excellent community web site.

Yours sincerely,



Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP

Cc. Inspector Steven Wragg, Nottinghamshire Police;
Chief Constable Susannah Fish, Nottinghamshire Police;
Cllr Adam Stockwell and Cllr Chris Rice, Stapleford South East Ward;
Cllr John Doddy, Cllr Jan Goold and Cllr Martin Placket, Bramcote Ward;
Cllr Steve Carr and Cllr Barbara Carr, Beeston North Ward;
Cllr Stan Heptinstall and Cllr Jacky Williams, Bramcote and Stapleford Ward;
Mr Mike Johnson, Mrs Sue Sambells and Mr Steve Austin, Bramcote Today;
Mr Tony Smith