



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am contacting you regarding the speed limit of the A238, Coombe Lane West, adjacent to Coombe Hill Infants' School.

Currently the limit is 30mph, and there is a speed camera to enforce this. However, we feel that this is too high and that it should be reduced to 20mph for the section outside of the school; for example from the New Victoria Hospital to the Crown Road junction. The roads next to most schools in the area have a speed limit of 20mph, such as Coombe Girls School.

This would provide a safer environment for our families travelling to and from school and would also lower the exposure of our pupils and staff to harmful vehicle emissions during the day. Studies show that a collision at 20mph is less likely to cause a fatality than at 30mph. Asking drivers to slow down outside of our school is not a huge sacrifice for them to make, considering the risks of vehicles travelling at higher speeds.

RoSPA says:

*'RoSPA strongly supports the use of 20mph zones as they are an effective means of reducing road crashes and casualties. They are very effective at protecting our most vulnerable road users, including children, pedestrians and cyclists, and significantly decrease the risk of being injured in a collision.'*

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Another huge issue is that despite our frequent reminders, children and adults often cross the road at points other than the pedestrian refuge islands (PRI) or the pelican crossing outside of the school. I suggest that barriers be added on both sides of the road, going as far as the PRI at Crown Road, and along to the PRI near the junction with Warren Road. Myself and my staff have witnessed many near-misses on this stretch of the road.

Our children are also very concerned and I enclose some letters from them asking for the speed limit to be reduced.

I hope that you will give these life-saving suggestions your utmost consideration.

Yours faithfully

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