

VIRTUAL STATEMENT FOR OCC MEETING on TUESDAY JUNE 24TH 2025 at County Hall

Good morning. I am one of approximately 100 residents of Parklands Manor and it's 44 properties on the A420 at Besselsleigh, south of Cumnor and north of Tubney. In 2024, there was a pedestrian fatality near the Greyhound pub, where excess speed was a contributing factor

Through the addition of courier and trade vehicles, several hundred movements a day are generated on a daily basis by Parklands Manor. Planning permission was contentious in 2018 with the entrance design constantly changing, but seemingly without consideration for increasing traffic volumes and excessive speed

For the entrance of Parklands Manor to remain within a busy road at the national speed limit surely cannot be right!

Last year OCC moved Besselsleigh signs to their correct position on the Parish boundaries, but this did not address the problems of safe access and egress to Parklands Manor, for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The hazards are enhanced further during the hours of darkness or inclement weather.

Both Besselsleigh Parish Meeting and various Vale of White District Councillors, including the current leader, Bethia Thomas have acknowledged our issues and supported our campaign for speed reduction to improve safety

An extension of the 50 mph speed limit zone is a clear and obvious step. To be effective it has to be supported by constant enforcement through ANPR camera control. The suggestion of average speed camera deployment would give a clear message to the many drivers and weekend joyriders who regularly use speed and confusing road markings to pose risks to our residents and other road users. Stagecoach bus drivers would definitely appreciate 50mph limits!

A further point to take into account is pollution. We enjoy relatively clean air, but suffer noise pollution created through a combination of excessive speed and a raised road surface that should be replaced with material to reduce the noise generated from tyre noise – a reduction in speed will reduce noise pollution

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