



APPLETON ROEBUCK & ACASTER SELBY
PARISH COUNCIL

Our ref: 24.124/Appleton Roebuck PC/Speed Limits

Managing Director
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BY RECORDED POST

Dear Sirs,

Appleton Roebuck, York
Traffic Safety

I am writing on behalf of the *Appleton Roebuck & Acaster Selby Parish Council*, *Appleton Roebuck Primary School*, and *Appleton Roebuck Pre-School*.

I am writing to express our ongoing concerns regarding the increasing volume of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) passing through our village, particularly near our local school and pre-school. The vast majority of these vehicles are from Celkom Transport. These concerns have been growing for some time, coinciding largely with the expansion of *Celkom Transport's* operations at Acaster airfield and the introduction of weight restrictions on Appleton Road bridge in Bishopthorpe.,

We have noticed a sharp increase in larger vehicles traveling through the village at what can only be described as unsafe speeds and in an unsafe manner, particularly given the narrow roads and the presence of blind corners. The Parish Council and local residents have also observed several near-miss incidents involving these vehicles, some of which have been reported to the Police.

Previously, the Parish Council have sought to engage Celkom to address these concerns, and at that time, we were given assurances that drivers would take greater care, especially during school drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, this agreement seems to have been forgotten, and recent communications have broken down.

While we appreciate that the drivers may not technically be exceeding speed limits, driving at 30mph through the village, particularly around parked cars and near the school, poses a serious safety risk. We believe that the current speeds being maintained by these vehicles, although legal,

are inappropriate for the conditions in our village, especially along *Main Street* near the primary school, and along *Daw Lane* near the pre-school and village car park with the blind corner approach.

Our concerns are not isolated. Neighbouring parishes, such as Copmanthorpe and Bishopthorpe, have also experienced similar issues with HGVs. Bishopthorpe has had a temporary reprieve from the problem due to the bridge weight restrictions, however this has served to divert more lorries through Appleton Roebuck, which, unlike Copmanthorpe, has the additional risk factor of these vehicles passing directly by a school on a relatively narrow road.

Given the increasing traffic and associated risks, collectively the Parish Council, Primary School and Pre-School feel it is vital to take further action.

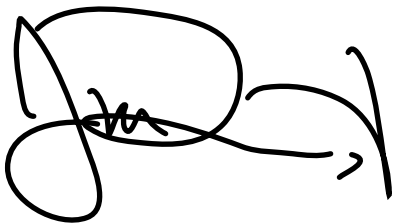
While we have previously discussed the possibility of reducing the speed limit throughout the village to 20mph, we believe a more targeted approach is now appropriate. We are now requesting the implementation of a localised 20mph zone around the school and pre-school, accompanied by full-other traffic-calming measures. This would help to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and drivers, particularly during busy school hours. We have written to North Yorkshire Highways Authority in this regard.

In addition, we request that *Celkom Transport* carefully review their operational procedures and routes for heavy goods vehicles in and around the village, particularly at peak school times. We would appreciate your cooperation and consideration on this matter, as the safety of our residents, particularly children, remains our highest priority.

Appleton Roebuck Primary School and *Appleton Roebuck Pre-School* are fully in support of these proposals, as we work collectively to ensure safeguarding of the village children.

We look forward to your response and hope we can work together to address these issues in a way that ensures the safety and well-being of everyone in our village.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Janet Flint', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Janet Flint

Chair, Parish Councillor

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For and on behalf of *Appleton Roebuck and Acaster Selby Parish Council*

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'PP' followed by a stylized, cursive name that appears to be 'Martyn'.

Martyn Broom

Executive Headteacher, the STAR Multi-Academy Trust

For and on behalf of *Appleton Roebuck Primary School*

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized 'L' followed by several loops and a trailing line.

Lynnie Campbell-Wilcock

Chair, Pre-School Committee

For and on behalf of *Appleton Roebuck Pre-School*

cc. *Jake Harrison, Clerk, Appleton Roebuck and Acaster Selby Parish Council*

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