



**Parent Council  
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Old Bridge of Weir Road  
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Mr Scott Allan  
Head of Roads and Transportation  
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Dear Mr Allan

**PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER  
THE RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL, BRIDGE OF WEIR AND HOUSTON (B790  
HOUSTON ROAD) 30 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT AND AMENDMENT ORDER 2012**

Gryffe High School Parent Council fully endorses the proposed speed limit reduction to 30 mph on the B790 Houston Road, Bridge of Weir and Houston.

As this is part of the safe walking route to school, we agree that a speed limit reduction to 30 mph would further make safe this busy road for our pupils. The pavement is narrow and the road and pavement frequently flood, so reducing the speed of traffic would reduce the vulnerability of pupils to the wind drag associated with fast moving traffic and also to significant traffic spray when it is raining to any degree.

In addition, we believe it would be worthwhile continuing the speed limit reduction from points F to D on the map. Pupils use this grass verge as a pavement on both sides of the road to access and leave the school at the beginning of the day, lunchtimes and at the end of the day. They cross this section of the B790 at a run and it is practical to assume they will always use this as part of a route to and from school. To reduce the speed limit to 30 mph at this section will further ensure they have adequate time to assess the speed of the traffic and to cross safely.

We note that safe walking routes to St Andrew's Academy in Paisley and St Benedict's in Linwood have had speed limit reductions on what are two very busy roads. St Benedict's route on the A761, in particular, is similar to that of the B790 and the 30 mph speed limit appears to successfully reduce the speed of traffic on this stretch of road as drivers pay heed to the road traffic signs. The reduction on the A726 to St Andrew's Academy also appears to be being observed by drivers. A reduction would therefore bring the safe walking route to school for Gryffe High School pupils in line with all other Renfrewshire Schools.

The Parent Council would appreciate being kept up to date with the progress of this proposal and members are willing to meet with representatives of Renfrewshire Council and/or Strathclyde Police to further articulate the case for a speed limit reduction on the B790.

The Parent Council looks forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Gail McClory  
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