



**Parent Council
Gryffe High School
Old Bridge of Weir Road
Houston
Renfrewshire
PA6 7EB**

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The Traffic Management Team
Road Policing Department
West Command
160 Rue End Street
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Dear Sir

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

I enclose a copy of my letter to Mr Scott Allan, Head of Roads and Transportation, Renfrewshire Council, regarding the proposed reduction to the speed limit on the B790, which reduction Gryffe High School Parent Council fully supports.

Could I add to this that the Parent Council believes that car and bus drivers would adhere to a 30 mph speed limit along this stretch. I cite the examples of the A761 Bridge of Weir Road, Linwood (for St Benedict's High School), and the A726 Barrhead Road, Paisley (for St Andrew's Academy) where 30 mph speed limits have successfully been introduced over the past few years. Both of these roads have, for many years, been fast roads. The A761, in particular, is similar to the B790 in that it is a rural road with no housing, fields on either side of the road and has street lighting. Most drivers do manage to observe the 30 mph speed limit along this particular stretch of the A761.

We believe also that car and bus drivers would both observe and self-regulate the speed limit to 30 mph on the B790 at times when pupils are travelling to and from school. At other times, there are those drivers who currently drive above the present speed limit of 60 mph and would likely still do the same, but would be driving above a lesser speed limit of 30 mph if they chose to ignore road traffic signs.

When Renfrewshire Council withdrew the free school bus from Bridge of Weir to Gryffe High School, they agreed to provide a safe walking route to school for pupils. As well as upgrading the pavement to an acceptable standard, a significant reduction in the speed limit would go a long way to ensuring pupil safety. Further details of all letters to Renfrewshire Council (and their replies) regarding the B790 and photographs of the road and pavement (particularly in the rain) can be viewed on our website under the 'Correspondence' section at www.gryffehighschoolcouncil.org . Our website can also be accessed via a link from Gryffe High School website www.gryffehigh.renfrewshire.sch.uk .

The Parent Council believes that pupil safety whilst walking to school is of paramount importance and we would support any initiative to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph as part of improvements to the safe walking route to school on this narrow, exposed stretch of pavement.

I would be pleased to meet with yourself or your representative at the site of the B790 if you would wish to further witness and discuss the safety aspect of this road for our pupils.

Yours faithfully

Gail McClory
Secretary
Gryffe High School Parent Council