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Sent via email

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House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

Dear Chris,

Re: Thornhill Road Safety

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing today on behalf of constituents in Thornhill, who remain concerned with road safety in their community.

My previous correspondence with Council officials on this matter confirmed the issue is under regular review and officers continue to work constructively with the Community Council to implement traffic management measures and support road safety in the community.

My office carried out a survey of local residents to gauge their thoughts and ideas on the matter, and I attach a copy of the report to this letter. Key findings from the 163 respondents include:

- 76% of respondents were concerned about speeding in Thornhill (with 54% stating they are extremely concerned).
- 73% of respondents believe there is a need for additional speed calming measures.
- Half of respondents stated they do not feel safe when walking in Thornhill.
- 77% of respondents support the installation of better traffic calming measures.
- 65% highlighted Main Street as particularly problematic: speeding, large numbers of heavy goods vehicles using the road, a feeling that current speed calming measures are ineffective, and inappropriate street design for the size of such vehicles were all highlighted - vehicles regularly mount pavements, for example.

Some suggestions for further measures included: Speed cameras, speed bumps, reducing car dependency through active travel measures, pavement changes or a potential bypass for heavy vehicles.

I trust the findings can help inform the ongoing engagement work on this issue, and hope road safety in Thornhill and elsewhere in Stirling remains a Stirling Council priority. I thank you for your attention to these matters and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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