

# THORNTON-IN-LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Griffiths,

Thank you for your reply of 1 November 2011. The Parish Council are very unhappy that you have no record of its efforts to protect its residents and visitors with a speed limit on our difficult stretch of the A65. Since 2003 residents have lobbied continuously, with heavily attended meetings, visits from Traffic Managers and Police, all with the full support of neighbouring Ingleton Parish Council.

Members are of the opinion that high speeds at such a mix of difficulties in this area (three exits, lack of any useful visibility at any, severe blind bends, steep hill, blind summit etc.) were the cause of the frequent accidents. Only luck has prevented any of these being recorded as fatal or causing severe injury. Councillors were therefore minded to ask the District once more about the promise it made in 2003 that on detrunking a speed limit here would be 'the first item for discussion' once the A65 became the responsibility of North Yorkshire.

You may not be aware that all our 300 residents must access the A65 to reach the 'outside world' the same as any other settlement lining the road. Some years ago a Government paper seemed to recognize that this type of housing needs the same protection and limits were recommended in these cases also, precisely because they are not visible to motorists.

It is everyone's wish that your opinion be reconsidered.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Jenkinson, clerk,