

Good Afternoon, Members of the Panel, I am David McCandless, the unpaid volunteer Managing Director of Community Roadwatch(UK) CIC, with fellow company director, Cllr John Davies. We both have lived in the local area for over 35 years so have witnessed its rapid development and have, like you, experienced some of its issues. **Today, we are here to represent the residents and businesses of Sawtry Way** by:

Highlighting the cardinal points of their Sawtry Way Speed Limit Reduction Proposal that our Company picked up and ran with in May 18, after Wyton of the Hill Parish Council (our project partner since July 17 following the unfortunate death of one of its residents crossing the road) found itself unable to lead at the 11th hour in March/April 18.

Our objective is NOT to use lower speed limits to address occasional speeding, but to reflect the residents' and businesses' genuine, consolidated opinion **that the existing limits are too high along its whole length for their safety and that of their old folk and children.**

Since 2010, when the County Council reduced the speed limit along the A1123 **to save lives**, the residents reckon the number of really large HGVs has increased to create unacceptable **24/7** levels of noise, vibration and pollution, especially at Pine Hill Park and Blenheim Place where many older folk now live within 15 meters of the 50 mph road.

Even a short face-to-face consultation with some of these residents, or to observe them trying to cross the road in 10 seconds to the bus stops, is enough to convince anyone of their genuine plight that we are trying to alleviate with this TRO. We have provided some of their comments in our application with the rest on our website. www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/sawtrywayproject

The project also has the unreserved support of **Wyton on the Hill Parish Council, Cllr Ryan Fuller, The Station Commander ,RAF Wyton** (whose bus stop railing and cars upside down in the ditch, bear witness to the fact that the wrong speed limit exists across her roundabout), **Mick George, the St Ives Road Safety Committee** and **ALL the business owners along and behind Sawtry Way.**

We do not claim or expect that this project will solve all the problems 'at a stroke'.

However, with an average of 70% of drivers observing speed limits, and Community Roadwatch monitoring commercial traffic from one of the 32 exits and using its Speed Indicating Devices, it certainly would immediately improve the safety and quality of life for hundreds of residents and make the road safer for its users. It would also provide a blank canvas for the 2 Parish Councils to evolve and generate Speedwatch Teams as circumstances dictate as residential and other **development projects in the pipeline** are approved. Thus, the future will see even more school children, elderly folk and mothers with pushchairs pedestrians using the footpath between Wyton and St Ives along which these folk are currently legally battered by juggernaut bow waves at 50-60 mph and deluged with forceful road sprays on a rainy day.

Please bear in mind that **the new Dignity Crematorium – at either site - will turn Sawtry Way into the major funeral route from St Ives across the A141 roundabout.** That's why, along with representations from the cycling community, we have included a speed reduction across the A141 roundabout like already exists at the Warboys, A141/Fenton Rd junction

Thank you for your attention We commend this worthy project to you ... We look forward to talking to County Highways about it ... Are there any questions?