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19th October 2025

Cllr Steven Atkinson
County Councillor for Ribble Valley South West
Lancashire County Council
County Hall
Fishergate
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Dear Councillor Atkinson,

Re: Traffic safety and speeding on Ramsgreave Road – request for attendance at Parish Council meeting.

I am writing on behalf of Ramsgreave Parish Council to invite you to attend a Parish Council meeting, to be arranged at your convenience, in order to follow up on your recent election pledges to address the serious traffic and speeding problems in Ramsgreave. When canvassing locally, you assured residents that road safety would be a priority. They have now come to us to ask when action will be taken.

Two weeks ago within the space of two days, there were two serious incidents — on 1st October a car overturned resulting in the occupants being cut out by the fire service, and on 2nd October a resident's parked vehicle was written off after being struck by a passing car travelling at speed. Fortunately, no one was killed, but we are fearful that it is only a matter of time before a fatal collision occurs.

As you will know, Ramsgreave Road cuts through the centre of our parish. It is a narrow, winding 60 mph road with over 30 residential properties, a narrow pavement, and multiple blind bends. It is also part of the Lancashire Way and Lancashire Cycleway, used daily by walkers, cyclists, and horse riders. Vehicles frequently travel at dangerous speeds and are encouraged to do so by the current 60mph limit.

For many years, Ramsgreave Parish Council has campaigned for the speed limit to be reduced to 40 mph and for traffic-calming measures to be introduced, we are supported in this by local police, borough councillors, and our MP. Despite this, no progress has been made. We note that Mellor, which lies on the same stretch of road, received traffic-calming measures in 2016. Ramsgreave, which directly adjoins it, has received none — despite our documented safety concerns and ongoing housing development that has brought hundreds of additional vehicles, increasing through-traffic to BAE and the M6.

We therefore ask that you:



1. Attend a Parish Council meeting arranged at your convenience, to set out your plan to deliver on your campaign commitment to address road safety in Ramsgreave;
2. Support an urgent review of the Ramsgreave Road speed limit and accident history by Lancashire County Council's Highways Department; and
3. Work with the Cabinet Member for Highways to identify practical measures and potential funding sources (including S106 contributions) to introduce effective speed reduction and safety improvements.

We would appreciate contact from you to arrange this meeting as soon as is possible and confirmation that you are willing to work with us and residents to secure meaningful progress on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Berzins", written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Kathryn Berzins
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cc:

- **Councillor Rupert Swarbrick, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**
- **Maya Ellis MP**
- **Lancashire Police (Ribbles Valley Neighbourhood Team)**
- **Councillor Sue Bibby, Ribbles Valley Borough Council**