

TEARS - Touchen End Ascot Road Safety Campaigning for a safer place to live

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First of all we would like to offer our most sincere thanks to everyone for the excellent contributions made to the petition and particularly the meaningful and poignant comments that added even more weight to it. The response in terms of signatures was almost 100% of the residents with whom we were able to make contact. A total of 133 signatures were gathered. Thank you.

Submission of the Touchen End Petition

Following an earlier meeting in which we outlined our problems to Borough Councillor David Coppinger, we are pleased to report that he offered to formally submit the petition to the Royal Borough on our behalf. The submission took place on Tuesday 25th June in the presence of the Mayor, the Managing Director and the full assembly of RBWM Councillors. In his opening remarks Cllr. Coppinger anticipated that not many members would know much about Touchen End or even be aware that the village existed so he preceded the submission by providing some facts and local history about the village. He then read our statement document which accompanied the signed petition documents.

The key requests made in the petition statement were as follows:

- To significantly reduce the speed of traffic through the village, in order to improve the safety and quality of life for residents and road users
- To acknowledge that Touchen End is a village and that the speed of 30 mph applicable to villages as stated in the latest Government guidelines should apply.

Should anyone wish to have sight of the full petition statement, please let us know and we will provide a copy. In due course we will receive a formal letter from the Royal Borough in response to the petition.

Meeting with Philip Jacob

Since submitting the petition Councillor Coppinger arranged for us to meet with the Borough's Traffic and Road Safety Engineer, Philip Jacob. At this meeting the TEARS team we were able to explain the problems in more detail. We are pleased to say that his attitude was positive and helpful. Mr. Jacob has agreed to provide hazard warning signage advising motorists of concealed driveways and is also going to reinstate the missing white road edge lines and driveway markings. He will be giving further thought to other safety measures that might be introduced and will be writing to us in due course with his proposals. In addition, a site visit is planned.

Bend signs revealed!

As the chevron signs warning of a bend and hazard at the junction with the B3024 had become obscured by vegetation, we contacted the Council's Streetcare team to advise them of the problem. We are pleased to report that since our contact, the chevrons are fully visible to road users once again.



The problem of vegetation obscuring road signs is a frequent problem in Touchen End due to the rural nature of the road. If you notice this occurring it would be helpful and beneficial to road safety if you could contact the Streetcare team directly by email

at streetcare@rbwm.gov.uk or telephone RBWM customer services on 01628 683804. If

you do email Streetcare, it would be appreciated if you would copy us in at tears@touchenend.co.uk just so we know this has been done. Thank you.

Accident Map

The latest accident map can be [seen here](#). Don't forget that if you have been involved in an accident in Touchen End or know of any other incidents please do contact us with the details so that it can be added to the map and also help our discussions with the Royal Borough.

Next steps

We shall continue to work closely with David Coppinger who we hope

will continue to be helpful in bringing about the much needed improvement to road safety in our village.

We would like to offer our most grateful thanks to him for all the help he is giving us.

At this stage we do not know the challenges that lie ahead or the problems we may have to face. However we are fully committed to this Campaign and with your help and support we believe, eventually, we can make it happen. However, we do not expect this to be short journey.

Thanks to your help, we are off to a good start.

Many thanks to you all.

The TEARS team.

N.B. If you want to stay abreast of the very latest news, it will always be found first on the Campaign website. <http://www.touchenend.co.uk/news>