

From Resident of RHS re speeding past RHS

From: the resident of RHS

Sent: 22 January 2026 13:29

To: Mary McLaren (Cllr) <Mary.McLaren@babergh.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: (Case Ref: JC63055)

Hi Mary,

I have been asked by SCC and James Cartlidge MP to email yourself as the best contact so I hope you can help.

Would you be able to assist with my speeding concerns of the roads by Royal Hospital School?

I am a resident here and there are so many cars that go racing down the road that cuts through our school. It's most straight which encourages high speed despite it being a 30mph and a school zone.

We don't see police attend and there have been no speed watch's despite quite a lot happening in neighbouring Stutton.

SCC recommended James (*Cartlidge*) a speed survey be taken place, is that possible?

Thank you,

James

Begin forwarded message:

From: James Cartlidge MP <james.cartlidge.mp@parliament.uk>

Date: 9 January 2026 at 11:40:02 GMT

Subject: (Case Ref: JC63055)

Dear James,

Please find below a response that I have received from Suffolk Highways.

I appreciate that it may not be the response you were looking for but that it serves to clarify their position on the matter.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards,

James

James Cartlidge MP

Member of Parliament for South Suffolk

From Paul West (SCC Councillor

Sent: 07 January 2026 09:17

To: CARTLIDGE, james.cartlidge.mp@parliament.uk

Subject: RE: James Gray (Case Ref: JC63055)

Dear James,

Case Ref: JC63055

Thank you for your recent contact regarding speeding issues in Stutton.

We would be more than happy to assist in this regard. In terms of speeding, as indicated in your correspondence, enforcement of speed limits falls to the Police, who have the powers to prosecute any drivers who break the speed limit. We are sorry to hear of poor overtaking in this area.

Typically, when Suffolk County Council (SCC) receive complaints and concerns regarding speeding, we would highly encourage a speed survey to be undertaken. Such a survey will record all speeds over a week period, 24hrs a day, and it will give us a great indication on the usage of the road. SCC would then be able to assess this data, and should a speeding issue be identified and proven, we can propose measures to help counter this.

Suffolk County Council would advise your constituent to contact their County Councillor and Parish who may well be prepared to fund a speed survey through Suffolk Highways. Unfortunately, with budgets under pressure with rising demand, Suffolk no longer have central funds for such surveys, and we are reliant on the County Councillors dedicated highway funds to facilitate.

I hope the above information helps and look forward to assisting with a formal speed survey.

Kind Regards

Paul West

County Councillor for Bixley Division &
Cabinet Member for Ipswich, Operational Highways and Flooding
Suffolk County Council

From Mary McLaren to the resident

Dear James

Thank you for your email and your concerns regarding the speed of traffic through the RHS estate.

I am part of the Speed Watch Team in Holbrook so I have included the organiser of that Team to contact you. We actually did a speed watch duty on the 30th September 2025 outside RHS as we place ourselves in various points in Holbrook.

The main problem with that part of the main road is that we are legally required to display a warning sign that we are undertaking the Speed Watch and traffic coming both ways can see our HI-vis jackets a long time before they actually are assessed for speed. Consequently, they slow down automatically before they come within the range of the speed gun. The visibility down that stretch of road is extensive.

I have included our Local Police contact WPC Katie Jarrett in this email who may wish to make a comment. I have also included our County Councillor in the email as SCC cover Highways.

Speeding is a real problem on that road from Ipswich to Manningtree and unfortunately some of the main culprits are Minibuses carrying students to many different schools across the area and of course London Commuters travelling to Manningtree and Ipswich Stations.

I look forward to the comments that my colleagues may wish to make as we all understand how frightening and dangerous speeding traffic is.

Best Wishes

Mary

From the resident to Mary McLaren

Hi Mary,

Thank you ever so much for coming back to me so speedily.

Thank you for doing a speed watch here. As you mentioned, the road is very straight and visibility is good, which is why this may not be the best long-term solution due to road users slowing down quickly enough to get themselves under the speed limit before they are caught. I do understand that this does help reduce speed while you are there, but it won't reduce speed at other times.

This is why I think the road needs a more permanent solution/deterrent for speeding.

I am not sure if you can see my original email to James, but an example I gave him was before Christmas I had my speed limiter set to 30mph just after leaving the RHS estate towards Sutton and was speedily overtaken by a car that could have easily been going around 50mph.

I hope we can get to a good outcome. Nice again, thanks for your speedy reply.

James (*resident of RHS*)

From County Councillor Simon Harley to Mary McLaren

Thanks for copying me in on this Mary.

I would be happy to ask for a speed survey if that would be useful, though that is normally a prerequisite for a request for lowering the speed limit and as this is already 30mph the problem is more one of enforcement of the existing law. I don't

think additional physical measures such as speed humps would be supported as this isn't within current Highways policy.

I believe that the Parish Council can request that the detector van and/or ANPR camera be circulated into this area if it is not happening already and would be pleased to support that and of course the volunteer speed watch which is extremely helpful.

Yours,

Cllr Simon Harley