**CDDCC Road Safety Survey 2022 (email version)**

The community council needs to get input from residents to gauge the level of support for our concerns on road safety and traffic matters in our communities, and also to get your input and ideas on what your issues are and what could be done. Please read our briefing documents on our website [www.crathesdrumoakdurriscc.org](http://www.crathesdrumoakdurriscc.org) and follow discussions on Facebook.

Please answer as many questions are you like.

Your personal details are voluntary – if you do give them we will correspond with the survey results and may also contact you on any points you raise.

We recognize that changes may be coming, especially that 20mph may eventually be adopted on all residential streets, and that priorities towards cyclists and pedestrians are improving, however our main concern is that driver behaviour needs to change, especially in our communities AND that Aberdeenshire Council is not maintaining our roads well enough. Your community council has engaged with the Police to do speed surveys and they confirmed a worrying level of speedsters and have issued tickets; this will be on-going.

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| Your Name |  |
| Which area do you live in  Crathes/Drumoak/Durris/elsewhere |  |
| Your email address or contact details |  |

General Questions

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|  | Please answer either Yes/ No or add your comments as appropriate | |
| 1 | Do you feel that our roads are safe for all users y/n |  |
| 2 | Do you feel our roads are well maintained y/n |  |
| 3. | If you are a cyclist do you feel safe a) in our villages, b) on the open roads y/n | a)  b) |
| 4. | If you are a pedestrian do you feel safe in our villages y/n |  |
| 5. | If you have children, are you concerned so that you prevent your children using the roads. y/n |  |
| 6. | Are the existing speed limits appropriate y/n |  |
| 7. | Would you support a potential petition to change the way traffic is prioritised in our communal areas y/n |  |
| 8 | If you are a driver, do you feel safe all the time on our roads with respect to their layout and conditions (and not other driver behaviour) y/n |  |
| 8 | Please comment on the areas that concern you the most | |
| 9 | What changes would you most like to see | |

Each of our community places has some specific issues that we would like to find out if you agree with our concerns. First a brief overview of what the CC considers to be the main issues and what has done to date

Crathes

With the construction of the Gardens at Crathes, the CC campaigned for the speed limit on the slug road to be reduced to 30 mph and a traffic island at the Deeside Way crossing to be installed and a smart speed sensor installed to the south. We also campaigned to get the 40 mph reduced to a 30 mph speed limit all the way up to Milton of Crathes – but the Council only allowed a new 40 mph section at the Castle gates following several near misses at the bus stops.

The main issues remaining include –

* School kids crossing the A93 between bus stops at Crathes Hall – almost 4 lanes need to be negotiated
* The Deeside Way (DSW) emerges onto the A93 and the speed limit is 40 mph but there is barely any room for cyclists on the pavements. These are not marked as dual use. There is no dedicated cycle lane.
* We still feel that the 40 mph zones should extend the whole length to Milton and ideally drop to 30 mph
* The condition of the A93 towards Banchory is poor with faded white lines, missing cat’s eyes, broken reflectors on hazards and we have noted many cars going off at bends
* Drivers continue to speed in the 30 mph zone on the A957 slug road, there are not sufficient speed calming especially from the south.
* HGV’s and farm traffic speeds should be reduced in our villages

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|  | Please comment if you agree that these isssues should be pursued Y/N | |
|  | Improved crossing across A93 for school children |  |
|  | Reduce speed limits on the A93 to 30 mph |  |
|  | Extend speed limits to Milton |  |
|  | Improve condition of AA93 |  |
|  | Better traffic calming on A957 & A93 |  |
|  | Reduce speed of farm traffic & HGV’s |  |
|  | Is there other specific Crathes concern you have | |

Durris

Kirkton of Durris

For many years both residents and the CC have tried to get the council to reduce the speed limit in the Kirkton of Durris, to improve road safety.  Despite various attempts, an increase in housing and multiple speed surveys showings people regularly speed, the main issues remaining include:

* We feel that the 50mph zone at the Kirkton of Durris should be reduced to 30mph to assist with road safety concerns and quality of life for residents.
* The road geometry is dangerous with hidden junctions, driveways, and reduced sightlines therefore an improvement in traffic calming measures (such as traffic islands, speed sensor signs, vehicles activated signage for blind junctions or even traffic lights and crossings) are required.
* There are no pavements in the Kirkton of Durris, forcing pedestrians to walk on the B9077 or crossings allowing pedestrians to cross safely.  Improvements to both these areas should be made.
* Gateway signage on the B9077 is obscured and missing, the signage itself is not illuminated as it is in other areas and there is a lack of street lighting on the outer edges of the 50mph zone.  There is also no signage at all on the side road leading from the B9077 to Crossroads.
* There is no dedicated area for buses to stop, both primary and secondary school buses do so daily as well as any public buses.
* Vegetation, trees, and hedges should be cut back / maintained along the B9077 to improve sightlines and highlight to drivers that they are entering and driving through a residential area.  The addition of pavement, streetlights and other traffic calming measures would also help this.
* Crash barriers at both sides of the bridge have been damaged partly due to Storm Arwen and need replaced urgently.

Woodlands of Durris

* The issues we have tried to address in Woodlands of Durris include improving the road layout in Woodlands of Durris e.g. complete the road widening by the junction between Clune View and Clune Gardens, to make it safe; which was a commitment made by Kirkwood Homes and Aberdeenshire Council, addressing speed and noise of quarry vehicles going to/from Park Quarry and road noise, especially from noisy exhausts.

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|  | Do you agree that these issues should be pursued Y/N | |
|  | Lower speed limit in Kirkton of Durris from 50 mph |  |
|  | Install additional traffic calming measures, such as traffic islands and speed sensors? |  |
|  | Installation of a pavement and a crossing? |  |
|  | Improve street and signage lighting in the Kirkton of Durris? |  |
|  | Installation of a dedicated Bus Stop both East and Westbound? |  |
|  | General tidy up of landscape within the Kirkton of Durris to alert drivers they are travelling in a village? |  |
|  | Improve road layouts in Woodlands |  |
|  | Address/monitor speed/noise of Park quarry vehicles |  |
|  | Target vehicles with noisy exhausts |  |
|  | Additional footpaths on Upper Balfour road from the Kirkwood housing estate to junction |  |
|  | Road widening and road repairs on all roads leading to Woodlands |  |
|  | Extend 20 mph zone Clune Wood |  |
|  | Any other areas of concern in Durris | |

Drumoak & Park

The issues in Drumoak mainly surround the A93 with speeding vehicles at both end of the village, confirmed by Police surveys, however there is little warnings of the limits on entering Drumoak, the ghost island at the east end is completely worn away encouraging vehicles to speed up / overtake before the limit. There is only one traffic island in the whole village to assist people crossing the A93 and no cycle lanes, even where the Deeside Way (DSW) emerges. The Park estate area should be reduced to 30 mph and count down markers installed at both ends of the village. The condition of the A93 west towards Crathes is poor with regular potholing and inadequate road marking on several dangerous bends. Another issue is that many side roads are 30 mph – even those that children use to the primary school. These should all be 20 mph. It is recognised that a lot of cyclists use the A93 especially at the Peterculter end and there is only half hearted provision for cyclists. We feel that this could easily be rectified with cycle lanes on both sides of the A93 towards Aberdeen. We also know residents are concerned about children being dropped from school at the Drum straight which is 60 mph.

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|  | Do you agree that these isssues should be pursued  Y/N | |
|  | Reduce Park speed limit to 30 mph |  |
|  | Improve the speed reduction at both ends of Drumoak |  |
|  | Install cycle lanes on the A93 |  |
|  | Install 2 or 3 more traffic islands in Drumoak |  |
|  | Get road markings redone |  |
|  | Have all side roads reduced to 20 mph zones |  |
|  | Improve condition of A93 |  |
|  | New cycle lanes from Drumoak to Aberdeen |  |
|  | Improve pedestrian crossing at Drum Castle junction |  |
|  | Any other areas of concern ? | |

Now, please email it to [crathesdrumoakdurriscc@gmail.com](mailto:crathesdrumoakdurriscc@gmail.com)

Thank-you for your input.