

MELSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Highways Area 1
By email Area1.Richmond@northyorks.gov.uk

20th February 2026

Dear Sir,

During a Road Safety Advice Surgery with Deputy Mayor, Jo Coles last July Melsonby was recognised as a village that would benefit from traffic calming measures. This is a position supported by village residents and the Parish Council.

While Melsonby Parish Council recognise that traffic calming measures are generally introduced by North Yorkshire Council in areas where accidents take place frequently, the Parish Council and village residents believe a more pro-active approach should be adopted in Melsonby.

Currently Melsonby has no traffic calming measures other than three Vehicle Activated Signs that regularly record over 50,000 vehicles entering the village each month with 15% of these exceeding the 30mh speed limit. With speeds up to 75mph recorded in 30mh zones (December 2025 data attached in the email), it is surely only a matter of time before a serious incident happens in our village

On behalf of the village residents, the Parish Council request that North Yorkshire Council implement road engineering schemes designed to slow down the speed of vehicles on the four roads into the village, introduce a 20mph zone local to the Primary School and provide additional lighting and signage on the section of East Road to Church Row that has no pavement but is regularly used by pedestrians to get to St James Church that is an important community hub for our village.

Melsonby appears somewhat unique in that we have no existing traffic calming schemes similar to many other villages in our area so look forward to receiving confirmation from North Yorkshire Council that traffic calming measures will be implemented as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully,

J. Pears

Jenny Pears
Clerk