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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter concerning petitions E-PET-034-25 and PET-060-25, lodged by Ms Jo Clay MLA regarding safer streets in Charnwood.

The ACT Government takes road safety seriously and encourages all road users to share responsibility for road safety. The management of speed is a critical factor in reducing crash incidence and severity. As such, traffic management measures such as speed humps have been implemented in suburban areas in the ACT to address non-compliance of speed limits by motorists and the risks that this behaviour poses to other road users. These measures, together with enforcement efforts by ACT Policing and the Traffic Camera Office, are intended to reduce the level of speeding in the ACT.

Cartwright Street is a minor collector road that links fifteen other local streets, forming a network of connecting collector roads as well as providing residents with limited access to their properties. Footpaths are provided along the whole length of the street, where a default speed limit of 50km/h applies.

A 40km/h school zone has been provided in the vicinity of the Charnwood Dunlop School together with traffic calming to further calm the traffic movements. The most recent traffic surveys on Cartwright Street shows that it carries approximately 926 vehicles per day travelling at average speeds of around 46 km/h, which are within acceptable limits for the road environment.

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Traffic calming measures such as speed humps and chicanes, are generally installed on road sections where high speeds by the majority of motorists are identified as major safety concerns. This has not been the case on Cartwright Street.

Given the above, there are no immediate plans to install any traffic calming measures on Cartwright Street. I have been advised that the City and Environment Directorate (CED) will continue to monitor the road and act where necessary.

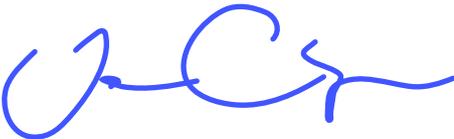
I have also been informed that CED officers will reach out to the principal of the Charnwood-Dunlop School to discuss any road safety concerns they have for the area around the school.

Roads ACT has recently drafted guidelines for setting speed limits that now includes potential for a 30km/h speed limit. These guidelines reflect national best practice and are modelled on the guidance recently released in NSW.

A potential trial of a 30km/h speed limit, including calming features to manage vehicle speeds is proposed for Sherbrook Street in Ainslie. This potential trial is subject to consideration and funding for the construction works. If supported, monitoring of the scheme will be undertaken both before and after the scheme is in place.

It is recommended that the outcomes of the Sherbrook Street 30km/h speed limit be assessed before any further 30km/h speed limits are considered.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tara Cheyne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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