

## Survey: Traffic calming on Rotherfield way

**Collated results: expressed as %s of the 22 completed survey forms received between 7-20 February 2023.** Notes: Results rounded, may not add up to 100%; Figures in italic brackets adjusted to % of people to which question applicable

	Yes	No	N/A
1 Do you feel that traffic goes too fast on Rotherfield Way?	100	0	0
2 Have you had any near misses when crossing the road?	57	43	0
3 Have you had any near misses with speeding cars when driving into or leaving your property?	73 (76)	23 (24)	5
4 If you live on/off parts of Surley Row which are accessed from Rotherfield Way, have you had any near misses with speeding cars on Rotherfield Way as you join the road?	18 (100)	0	82
5 Have you ever been deterred from crossing Rotherfield Way on foot because of speeding cars?	68 (71)	27 (29)	5
6 Have you ever been deterred from cycling because of speeding cars on Rotherfield Way?	59 (68)	27 (32)	14
7 Are you concerned about your children's safety on Rotherfield Way?	71 (94)	5 (6)	24
8 Would you like to see traffic calming measures on Rotherfield Way?	100	0	0
9 Which kind of traffic calming measures would you like to see? Tick all that are applicable.	Yes	No	% Yes - % No
a. Speed humps	45	32	14
b. Road narrowings/chicanes, similar to those on Lowfield and Caversham Park Road	59	27	32
c. Speed cameras	59	18	41
d. 20 mph limit	59	14	45
e. Refuges in the middle of the road	55	23	36
f. Single pedestrian crossing	68	14	55

If a single pedestrian crossing, where would you want that to be positioned?

- i Near Surley Row 77    ii Middle 23    iii Near Hemdean Road 14

Note: 19 responses received, with 5 giving options. Results shown as % of all 22 surveys

In what capacity(ies) do you use Rotherfield Way?	I live on Rotherfield Way	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">91</span>	I live nearby and rely on it for access	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">9</span>
	My family regularly walk and cross on foot	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">41</span>	My children need to cross on way to school	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">27</span>
	Cyclist	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">23</span>	Driver as through route	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</span>

Line	Comments
1.	Traffic speeds towards the crossroads from the refuge further up. It's a blind corner if you come out of Surley Row (as we need to). A mirror there would maybe help, but traffic does need to be slowed. All the surrounding roads have some traffic calming. Rotherfield Way is the only road that doesn't.
2.	Without traffic calming/provision for pedestrians to cross safely, it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or worse, very likely a Highdown pupil walking to or from school.
3.	Another idea if a 20mph zone: Flashing lights '20mph' if traffic goes over 20mph More prominent: 'Schoolchildren crossing' 20s plenty for us campaign.
4.	Been shocked multiple times at single cars racing down the road late at night. Crazy illegal speeds.
5.	You only need to spend 5 minutes watching the students cross the road on the way to Highdown to know something needs to be done. A pedestrian crossing with lights would help drivers see there are people crossing, if parked cars are blocking the view.
6.	There should be consideration for traffic lights at the T junction at the top of Rotherfield Way, especially during school hours - traffic backs up and can cause more issues for crossing the road. We shouldn't wait for something bad to happen before we take action - referring to a letter we received from the Council about 13-14 years ago after our car was written off on Rotherfield Way (it was parked on the road).
7.	I worry for the safety of children having to run across Rotherfield Way to get to school.
8.	Speed humps have been turned down by RBC because of the affect on buses.
9.	I have often seen near-misses -accidents, and at times children going to school would have to wait for more than 5 minutes during peak times. Often speed limits are not followed on these roads, especially at night times.
10.	The Surley Row (North side) junction and Eliot Close/Grove Hill junctions are wider than needed. This means it takes longer for pedestrians to cross and cars go through the junctions faster. Making these junctions narrower would be a good improvement.
11.	Although Rotherfield Way is a residential road, there are artic lorries using this road nearly every weekday and a weight limit would also be useful for residents so only light traffic has access.
12.	Road narrowings would cause more problems. Refuges in middle of road would also cause more problems because of parked cars. Siting of pedestrian crossings would prove problematic.
13.	How long do we have to wait for someone to get hurt?
14.	Please can the local authority take this matter seriously before someone is seriously injured or worse as a result of the speeding traffic along Rotherfield Way? There have been numerous near misses for pedestrians and 3 car crashes in the last five years.
15.	I have to cross Rotherfield Way every time I go to Caversham or Reading centres. It is difficult and unsafe to do so much of the day, but particularly peak times.
16.	I live on the road and the speeds at which some drivers use the road is dangerous to people, pets and property.
17.	People drive way too fast, there are lots of parked cars and schoolchildren crossing, and I've seen at least one accident where people have had to pull out of the side roads blind and have been hit side on by people driving too fast for the conditions

18.	The crossing facilities don't match where people cross. At the bottom of the hill here is no choice for school kids but to cross through queues of traffic. It can take a long time.
19.	I agree
20.	There should be a crossing by Surley Row - the islands they installed are too far up the road
21.	It's been a difficult / dangerous road to cross since I was a child. A crossing / island / traffic calming of some kind is needed near Surley Row as that is where many children cross and they are unlikely to go out of their way to cross elsewhere.