

PETITION

Title: Traffic Calming Measures for Hill Top Avenue

No. Signatories: 50

Statement:

We, the undersigned petition the council to put in place traffic calming measure on Hill Top Avenue before a serious incident occurs.

Justification:

There is a real risk of a serious incident due to the excessive speed and reckless driving some motorists choose to exhibit on this long, wide road.

There is concern for residents, and the local school children who walk and cycle along the road.

Motorists are encouraged to use Hill Top Avenue as a cut through from the Smithy Green side of Cheadle Hulme through to Hesketh Park and on to Cheadle Village. A '20' sign was erected some months ago but motorists regularly drive at 40mph and even 60mph down this road - encouraged by the fact that these properties enjoy ample frontages and driveways, meaning few cars parked along the road, providing increased driver confidence and thus speed.

Traffic calming measures were considered some years ago for Swann Lane and Hill Top Avenue; whilst these have been put in place on Swann Lane they did not go ahead on Hill Top Avenue as it was deemed problematic to the buses which serviced Hulme Hall School.

Now that the school has moved, no HGV access is required on Hill Top Avenue; I therefore hope that the case for traffic calming measure on Hill Top Avenue can be considered again – before a serious incident occurs.

Residents would welcome action to reduce the speed of vehicles and discourage motorists using Hill Top Avenue as a cut through.

Whilst road humps could help to achieve this, we would also be in favour of exploring whether Hill Top Avenue could benefit from the £2bn package for cycling and walking announced in May 2020, to widen footpaths, install cycle lanes and position planters and green verges as instruments to deprioritise motor vehicles and reduce speed.