

Dear Mrs Webster,

Thank you for your reply and attachment concerning incidents on Thurnby Lane/Stoughton Road, Stoughton.

Leicestershire County Council uses data for road traffic collisions (RTCs) which have been reported through Leicestershire Police, and comply with the Department for Transport's STATS 20 requirement: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/995423/stats20-2011.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/995423/stats20-2011.pdf)

The Council identifies road safety problem sites in Leicestershire by annually reviewing accident sites within the County where groups of personal injury accidents have occurred within the most recent five years.

An accident is defined as a personal injury occurring on the public highway (including footways) in which at least one road vehicle or a vehicle in collision with a pedestrian is involved and which becomes known to the police within 30 days of its occurrence. One accident may give rise to several casualties. "Damage-only" accidents are not reportable or included. We do not accept evidence other than that given to us by the Police as the causation factor cannot be verified or the level of personal injury obtained.

The information that we are provided with injury accidents is vital in ensuring that the interventions that we provide have the best chance of reducing the casualty numbers. This includes information with regard to vehicle occupants, lighting and weather conditions at the time of the collision, potential causation factors that can be road, vehicle, user, behavioural or environmental related and more. With damage only accidents, little to none of this information is provided. Without Police attendance and their investigations, we cannot be entirely sure how any incidents happened and if it was speed related.

It is important to note that if you are aware of any incidents that have caused concern, you can report them directly to the Police on their non-emergency number 101 or via the attached form. <https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-b/report-a-road-traffic-incident/> Having reviewed the accident data we hold for Thurnby Lane/Stoughton Road, there are now three reported personal injury accidents at this location within the past 5 years. For clarity, these three accidents are as follows:

<b>Date of Accident</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Road Condition</b>	<b>Light</b>
06/06/2020	V1 travelling SW loses control on right bend, leaves carriageway nearside and overturns.	Serious	Wet/Damp	Daylight
15/06/2021	V1 pulls out from lay-by into path of V2 traveling South towards Stoughton	Slight	Dry	Daylight
22/05/2023	V1 traveling South crosses carriageway on right bend & collides with V2 travelling North. V1 leaves carriageway nearside and collides with tree.	Serious	Dry	Daylight

We appreciate that you have noted two additional collisions that occurred in August. Although we have received nothing at the time of writing, if either accident resulted in personal injury, then the Police will report this to us in due course.

In any case, at this moment in time we are afraid we can only reiterate what we have said previously. As a rural road that is assigned the national speed limit, Thurnby Lane/Stoughton Road is continually reviewed as part of the Rural Roads Initiative (RRI).

We would also like to provide the speed survey results from 2021 (collected adjacent the public lay-by) in greater detail, as below. The vast majority of motorists are travelling at speeds which are appropriate for the road environment.

<b>Direction</b>	<b>85<sup>th</sup> Percentile</b>	<b>Mean Speed</b>
Both	47.2	41.9
Northbound	47.5	42.1
Southbound	47.0	41.6

We do completely appreciate the concerns you have raised with us and we wish to reassure you that we keep our data under continual review, however we're sure you can understand that we have to take a measured and consistent approach given the number of enquiries of this nature we receive across the County as a whole. We do hope that we have clarified the County Council's position.

Should you wish to make further representations regarding this matter please contact our customer services team on 0116 305 0001 quoting the enquiry number 910709 or via this email address [CSCParishes@leics.gov.uk](mailto:CSCParishes@leics.gov.uk)

Kind regards,

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