

**Dear Councillor West**

**Speed limits on Stanford Ave, Preston Drove and Surrenden Rd.**

**We are writing to ask that Environment and Transport Committee reconsider its decision to remove Stanford Avenue, Preston Drove and Surrenden Rd from the extended 20mph speed limit zone.**

**The local community in Preston Park Ward has shown strong support for a 20mph speed limit on these roads via the recent petition on this matter presented to Full Council.**

**All three roads see a very high level of use by pedestrians, especially schoolchildren and families accessing Preston and Blakers Parks and several local schools. Preston Park Ward Councillors receive regular complaints about current traffic speeds on these roads and the danger to pedestrians and cyclists. In three years not one local resident has expressed support for keeping speed limits at 30mph on these 3 roads or on side roads. We were therefore surprised by the decision of Committee to exclude some roads from the 20mph zone, particularly those that are regularly cited by Preston Park area residents as prone to speeding traffic.**

**Professional road safety Officers and campaigners for safer streets support the move towards 20mph in residential areas. There is compelling evidence to show that fatalities and injuries are reduced, walking and cycling become more attractive and the street environment feels more pleasant for all users. All three roads are not only routes for vehicles but more importantly they are places where people live and have a sense of community.**

**As Preston Park Ward Councillors we strongly support the desire of our local community for the introduction of 20mph speed limits to all roads designated in the original proposal presented to Committee.**

**Please reconsider your decision.**

**Cllrs Mike Jones, Leo Littman, Amy Kennedy**

**Preston Park Ward**

**Brighton and Hove City Council**