



**Waitai Coastal-Burwood Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

Date: Monday 14 February 2022
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To be presented to the Community Board

Kia ora and thank you for taking the time to listen to this submission.

My name is Craig Pawsey and I am the President of the Spencerville Residents Association. Spencerville is a small community on the North East coast of Christchurch with approximately 500 residents and 160 homes. I want to bring to your attention the problem we are having with vehicles speeding into and through our community and feel as responsible citizens something needs to be done before a fatality occurs.

The main issue is vehicles travelling down Lower Styx Road from Marshlands Road. The transition from the 80km speed area to 50km speed area as you enter Spencerville on Lower Styx Road is the most concerning area, especially as this is situated a few metres from a bend in the road where residential properties are. This is where most accidents occur, many serious.

Our Community Constable, Shane Thompson and the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Brigade have endorsed our concerns of speeding vehicles in our community and we have a letter of support from John Reed, the Chief Fire Officer of the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Brigade. Many of our community members also support the need for something to be done to help prevent further accidents.

We are a high volume traffic area for a small community, especially in good weather with many people visiting Spencer Park, Spencer Beach or travelling through to Brooklands. We have a large number of young families, with many of our tamariki spending time on their bikes and outdoors near their homes.

We would love to have a solar power sign to say "slow down", a speed camera installed and/or the police regularly sitting in the 50km area - however we are aware that this would be an unreasonable task and we would not be the only community or area in a similar situation. We do however have a need, and the need to keep our residents safe, and those travelling through Spencerville, is of the highest priority.

Therefore we would like to put to council the following proposal:

1. Bring the northern 50km Spencerville sign back at least 100 metres (towards Marshlands Road) to encourage vehicles to slow down well before the bend into Spencerville. As there are often logging trucks and park vehicles coming in and out of the forest from 12th Ave, the 50km sign could be placed before this entrance/exit.
2. Place a wide red strip and/or rumble strip across the road where the 50km Spencerville sign is situated at both the north and south ends of Spencerville.

Both of the above would be cost effective and bring attention to drivers well before they enter Spencerville to slow down. Adding the red strip/and or rumble strip would be an additional reminder that they are now entering a residential area.

I would like to read to you the letter from the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Brigade.

READ JOHN'S LETTER

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns. We are always open to discussion and would be interested to hear of any ways that you think would be beneficial to prevent traffic speeding in our community.

From the Spencerville Residents Association and members of the Spencerville community

Te Wairepo – Spencerville Volunteer Fire Brigade

Lower Styx Road

Spencerville

I would like to support the Spencerville Residents Association over their concern on the way people speed into Spencerville from the south end of the Spencerville entrance via Lower Styx Road.

I have been a member of Brookland's fire brigade and now the Te Wairepo Spencerville brigade for over 46 years and Chief fire officer for the last 20 years.

During this time, I have attended many automobile accidents, but this corner would account for the most and the serious accidents by far.

It was the scene of one of the first accidents I attended and have continued to attend accidents there over the years.

These accidents do not involve locals but people who are not aware of the danger of this bend or of the change in the speed limit.

This bend has been the major hazard in our area, and I commend the residents in their attempt to remove or minimize this hazard from our community.

John Reed

Chief Fire Officer

Te Wairepo Spencerville Volunteer Fire Brigade