**Subject:** 891452 Junction Of Bleakmoor Close and Wreake Drive, Rearsby: Junction Markings

Hi Sue,

Thank you for your email dated 30/11/2022 regarding concerns raised by a parishioner about the junction of Bleakmoor Close and Wreake Drive, Rearsby.

Having looked at the location, this type of layout is fairly typical for a residential road, especially at junctions that lead to two small cul-de-sacs. Locally it is similar to the junctions on Mill Road for example. I noted that Bleakmoor Close has approximately 35 dwellings whilst Wreake Drive has a similar number. The nature of these roads mean that the vast majority of users are very familiar with the road layout and will drive accordingly. The general lack of road markings in residential areas helps to humanise them, making them feel less of a “road” as opposed to an area where vehicles are not necessarily the dominant presence, whilst a degree of uncertainty, albeit relatively minor, helps encourage lower speeds and more eye contact between drivers, ensuring safe passage.

By providing road markings – centre lines, give way markings and so on in residential areas - there is a potential for speeds to increase. It should be noted that there is no history of injury collisions at the junction, not just in the last five years which we would normally review but going at least 24 years back to the available records. Furthermore, it would set a precedent to provide markings at all similar junctions, and that these markings would not only need installing but also maintaining, resulting in additional expenditure with no material benefit and potentially some disbenefits in terms of vehicle speeds.

As such, these are not markings that we would look to provide at present.

Regards,

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