

PE2149/D: Install speed cameras near schools

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There have been a few developments in favour of speed cameras at schools.

The Committee may be interested in a BBC article about the 20mph speed limits and compliances in the country. The data is UK wide but is probably very similar to Scotland.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8e94pe6w9ro>

On 6 November 2025 I witnessed a marked police car without blue lights or sirens doing 40mph passed the radar activated sign near the Spean Bridge Primary School. It shows that even the police don't seem to stick to the 20mph speed limit. I have complained to Police Scotland about that incident and about the lack of police patrol. I have received a letter back from Police Scotland with an apology to the incident and that they have forwarded the information to local area inspector. After that there was an unmarked police car near the Spean Bridge School that stopped several cars within a short period. Also there was once a marked police car in the village checking traffic. No one in the village has since then noticed a police car checking speeding in the village. I do recognise that Police Scotland does not have the resources to check for speeding infringements at all 20mph zones let alone in front of schools. This is why it is so important to have speed cameras near schools, to ensure the safety of children, parents and other pedestrians. I can provide the letter from Police Scotland if needed.

Following to the BBC article I have done my own survey at random times near the school. There is a radar activated sign just before the school and it's right in front of my property. This radar activated sign shows the speed of vehicles passing. After collecting regarding the speed of vehicles passing the school observed that about 1/3 is within the 20mph speed limit, 2/3 are over the speed limit and of that about half are 30mph and over.

At a recent council by-election candidates have been talking to people in the village and a large proportion of people in Spean Bridge are concerned about the speed of vehicles and the wellbeing of pedestrians in the village.

I hope this will put some more light the issue of speeding near school. Unfortunately I don't have any data on other schools in Scotland.