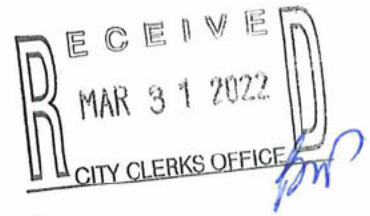


To City council / CIVIC WORKS.



We are submitting this petition with the aim of getting the speed reduced on the main street of our neighborhood.

As some of you already know, our once quiet and peaceful area has been hit with terrible odor that we have had to live with for nearly 15 years. Now we have been experiencing some new issues. One issue is two new trucking companies have moved into the area. One company is Speedy Transport on Castleton road, the other is Charger Transport on Dingman Drive. Speedy Transport located on Castleton road, has been having their trucks enter off of Dingman drive resulting in the hydro pole being wiped out about 4 times in the last three years. This is because the corner of Dingman and Castleton was not designed to accommodate tractor trailers, and especially not the length of ones that attempt to bypass traffic by using our road. Since the influx of tractor trailers, Castleton road's pavement is being destroyed. There are such enormous ruts, pot holes, and cracks along the road that it makes it difficult to safely walk or ride a bike down the road. This should be addressed as it is only causing an unnecessary increase in our tax dollars to pay for the repairs that have yet to be done. As for Charger Transport on Dingman. This company has morphed into a visual eyesore. They use old beat-up trailers to mark a perimeter, and have clear cut nearly all of the once mature trees that kept the sound and dust located to the property relatively well, including a bush lot which they did not have a permit to remove. We are worried that they plan on using this newly cleared space to expand their parking allowing for more trailers in an already full space. Although this company has worked fairly well with neighbors, we can see the slow erosion of their property that was once fronted by houses and lined with trees when Proctor Brothers trucking owned the property. The next step we worry about, and anticipate in the near future, is the removal of the last house on the property. We hope this will be stopped by some form of city intervention.

To our concern about speed. We have a very nice community driven hamlet, in the annexed area on Dingman drive known as Brockley, which dates back to the 1800s. We are a small community with no real city amenities other than water on our street. We have NO bus, no full natural gas service, no cable, no internet, poorly marked street painting and properly groomed shoulders on the road.

Our shoulder width ranges from 16 inches to 24 inches, which is far from enough room to safely walk on it. Since the city has been ever expanding, we have been noticing a very high volume of traffic from vehicles to transport trucks. 90 percent of which, are speeding. I was informed of this by an officer doing speed enforcement in our area this past summer.

This street is also used by many cyclist to commute. We also have a family with an autistic young man and service dog, when trying to enjoy the peaceful neighborhood they moved into more than 20 years ago, the shoulder does not accommodate two people and a dog safely, especially in the evening with people speeding at more than 80 kilometers an hour.

This past summer we noticed the city instead of grading the shoulder away from the street, they have started pulling it up to the street. This causes piles of gravel from the shoulder to be positioned on the edge of the road, about 3 inches high in some places. Creating another added obstruction to our already narrow shoulders, and causing many a rolled ankle.

The posted speed is currently 60km in the residential area of Brockley, we are requesting it be reduced to 40km as drivers continually maintain and increase from the posted 80km off of Highbury to Wellington. We all know that speed kills, and speeds in excess of 40km/h greatly increases the risk of harm and death to pedestrians when hit by a vehicle. The speeds documented on this street range from 50km to over 120km/hr, as has been recorded in years past by police ticketing.

Do we wait for someone to get killed on our street before City council will take us seriously? Oh wait, that has already happened at the corner of Highbury and Dingman multiple times, and unfortunately steps have yet to be taken to address this rectifiable situation.

With the new developments in the surrounding area, we have become the by-pass for east-west traffic in the south end of the city, ranging from "hot-rodded" vehicles to transport trucks looking for an easy out of traffic lights and competing vehicles.

We the neighbors ask for the speed to be reduced to 40km/hour to assist in making our street safe again. We have many children, pets and elderly community members that enjoy the beautiful walks on our country but City Street, but they have been finding it more and more dangerous to do so.

In the petition a couple people have stated 50km/hour would be acceptable, however most want 40k/hour. Out of every house on the street only one did not sign, but verbally stated their support in the speed reduction.

This is a serious issue in our neighborhood, safety is not something that should be taken as lightly as the city appears to be, and we urge for the reduction to the speed, as this area continues to grow, we want our safety to be maintained and supported by the city.

We are a residential community, not a highway or a trucking route, your support in this matter is the only logical way to preserve and promote the safety of residents in this area.

Thank you in advance for your attention to the safety of our community, and importance of this matter.

Residents of Brockley

To: The City of London, Ontario

Re: Request for reduction of posted speed limit on Dingman Drive between Wellington Road and 2428  
Dingman Drive

Date: October 31, 2021

We the undersigned request that the speed limit on Dingman Drive between Wellington Road and 2428  
Dingman Drive be reduced from 60 km/h to 40 km/h per hour for the following reasons:

1. The presence of three autistic children who live on Dingman Drive, and the concern for their safety as there are no sidewalks or shoulders on this road, yet significant traffic movement throughout the day.
2. There has been a significant increase of traffic volume on this road over the past few years, and it is anticipated that there will be considerable more traffic in the near future as Costco will be constructing a new facility in our area, and other large new businesses will be constructed close by and attract significant additional car traffic.
3. Dingman Drive has become a preferred route by many individual and group cyclists, and their safety has been compromised as a consequence of the present speed limit.