

## Public Questions September Council 2022

1. Residents in Greenmount are complaining about the lack of a bus service from Greenmount to Ramsbottom. This service used to operate but was discontinued some time ago. Bus users now have to walk to Holcombe Brook if they wish to catch a bus to Ramsbottom, which is not possible for some elderly people and those with mobility issues.

What is the process for getting this bus service reinstated and will the Council lobby TFGM and help the local residents with this issue?

**Supplementary question** If the Council won't get involved with this, how do local residents engage with TFGM to make their case and persuade TFGM to reinstate this vital service?

**Response – Transport for Greater Manchester are responsible for the bus services that operate across Greater Manchester and therefore the starting point would be to contact them - <https://tfgm.com/public-transport>**

**However I would be very happy to support you in raising the issue of access to bus services in Greenmount and Ramsbottom.**

Charlie Allen

2. Residents are concerned about speeding traffic on Newcombe Road, which is used as a cut through to the motorway. Will the Council instigate a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph together with installing traffic calming measures?

**Response –**

**Road safety funding is allocated to locations where there is evidence of existing injury collisions taking place in some numbers or on roads near schools or at locations where there is a perceived difficulty in crossing the road for vulnerable road users.**

**The injury collision history for Newcombe Road has been checked and this has revealed that no injury collisions been recorded on this road during the most recent standard three year (2019-2021) monitoring period ( an engineering metric ) available to us.**

**This would mean that Newcombe Road would be a lower priority on any list for speed reducing measures. Of note also is that even if we did have funds available to introduce a road safety scheme in the locality, any new scheme proposals (especially if they are proposed to feature physical traffic calming measures) would need consultation with local residents in the area and we would need a 50% support rate from the responses received from residents for a scheme to be sanctioned to proceed.**

Jacqui Connor

3. Can the Council make Chester Street and Clifton Road, Prestwich into a one way system?

**Response –**

**There are no plans to introduce one way working on Chester Street and Clifton Road - one way driving in general can lead to increasing vehicle speed, which is to the detriment of road safety. Given that these roads lead into and out of residential areas, the likelihood of the increase in traffic speed means that this is not an option we would look to progress.**

Andy Hay