

# Road Safety Open House Public Feedback Report





## May 7 Open House Event

The Road Safety Open House was held on May 7 in the Lions Den at the FlightExec Centre. This event was held following a motion proposed by Ward 3 Councillor Chantel Crockett.

At the Road Safety Open House event, residents could speak directly with representatives from Thames Centre (including Public Works, Planning & Development, and By-Law Enforcement), Middlesex County, the Ontario Provincial Police, Middlesex-London Paramedic Services, Thames Centre Fire Department, and Good Roads (formerly the Ontario Good Roads Institute.) The Mayor and every member of Council also attended the event.

Residents were invited to leave feedback forms at the event, and residents who were unable to attend were able to submit feedback by e-mail.

This report is a summary of the written feedback received at the Open House, or electronically, as well as other notes made by Council and staff.





# May 7 Open House Event



**Road Safety  
Open House**  
Public Feedback  
Results

# Roads and Intersections of Concern

## Elgin Road (entering Mossley)

Residents noted that speeding through Mossley was a concern. There was also one complaint about noise.

Residents near Avon noted the impact of the radar speed trailer, (which displays the speed of oncoming vehicles) when placed, but believe that people continue speeding once the sign moves.

Public Works noted that the start of the speed limit reduction was moved south of Hillview Drive in 2024 so that speed reduction (and noise reduction) would occur prior to entering the hamlet.

One resident asked for “more creative” speed enforcement, as the OPP often set up on Hillview Drive.



**Road Safety  
Open House**  
Public Feedback  
Results

# Roads and Intersections of Concern

## Evelyn Drive and Cobble Hills Road

Residents noted that speeding was an issue at this intersection.

Specific remedies suggested by residents included photo radar, a 4-way stop, and/or installing rumble strips.



## Hamilton Road (near Mill Pond)

Many issues were noted about Hamilton Road, particularly near Mill Road and Wheeler Avenue, including speed, parked vehicles reducing visibility when exiting driveways, and road paint. It was noted at the Open House that all pavement markings are refreshed on an annual basis, usually in late summer.

# Roads and Intersections of Concern

## Other Roads and Intersections of Note

**Putnam Road (in Avon) - speed of vehicles travelling on Putnam Road.** The Speed Radar trailer was scheduled to be set up on Putnam Road north of Avon Drive, facing southbound traffic as a result of this interaction.

**Fairview Road south of King Street - a 40km/h sign was reported as missing.** As a result of this interaction, the Transportation department added this location to their sign list for installation.

**Thorndale Road east of Monteith Avenue - placement of the 70km/h speed limit sign.** As this is a County Road, the resident was introduced to the County Engineer at the Open House event.

**Westchester-Bourne - Speeding.** Residents noted an increase in traffic, and an increase in speeding over and above Westchester- Bourne's posted speed of 80 km/h, and specifically noted vehicles failing to stop for school buses.



**Road Safety  
Open House**  
Public Feedback  
Results

# General Resident Feedback

## Introducing Photo Radar

The most common suggestion made by residents was introducing the use of photo radar. Residents noted that implementation costs would be recovered.

## Increased Speeding Enforcement / Lack of Policing in Rural Areas

Speeding was a common complaint, with rural residents mentioning that they would like increased traffic enforcement as speeding was more common near their homes.

## Vehicles Failing to Stop for School Buses

Residents noted that they had witnessed vehicles commonly passing stopped school buses, creating danger for children who are going to school or returning home.

## Increased Signage

Multiple residents also called for increased signage. This most often referred to signs for Speed Limits, but a sign reminding motorists to stop for school buses was also proposed.

*Also of note was that every resident who mentioned a specific location mentioned a County Road, or an intersection with a County Road.*

## Road Safety Open House Public Feedback Results

# Open House Follow Up

### Radar Displays Added

New digital radar displays were installed on Putnam Road, near Avon and near Crampton.



### New Rumble Strips

In July, rumble strips were added on Evelyn Drive, at the intersection with Cobble Hills Road.



### OPP Enforcement

Residents also noted increased police enforcement in areas of concern. Residents are encouraged to notify the OPP about problematic areas.

Produced By The Municipality of Thames Centre

