

FENTIMAN AND RICHBORNE ASSOCIATION (FARA)

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RESULTS FROM SPEED CAMERA SESSIONS ON FENTIMAN, MEADOW AND CARROUN
ROADS

Carried out by volunteers under police supervision

Speed limit is 20MPH. Estimated 60 plus vehicles an hour on average

	Date	Time	25-27 MPH	28-30 MPH	30-35 MPH	35-40 MPH	Total
1	10/11/2017	16.30- 17.15	13	12	0	0	25
2	18/05/2018	15.30- 16.55	0	22	2	0	24
3 ¹	29/06/2018	17.00- 18.15	20	11	1	0	32
4	01/10/2018	17.15- 18.30	20	10	2	0	32
5	05/10/2018	17.15- 18.30	24	10	2	0	36
6 ²	10/10/2018	08.00- 09.05	15	18	3	0	36
7 ³	16/10/2018	16.00- 17.35	20	11	2	2	35
8 ⁴	21/11/2018	08.00- 09.10	12	3	0	0	15
9 ⁵	20/12/2018	08.00- 09.00	20	2	3	1	26
10	24/01/2019	08.10- 09.10	16	3	0	0	18
11 ⁶	14/02/2019	18.45- 20.15	29	8	2	0	39
12	29/04/2019	16.50- 18.15	33	5	1	1	40
13	16/05/2019	No results ⁷					
14	29/05/2019	16.50- 18.05	33	13	3	1	50
15	31/05/2019	18.45- 19.45	12	0	1	1	

Comments provided by the police attending the sessions

- 1 Considering Fentiman Road is not a main road this is a high proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. We only recorded vehicles that were traveling at more than 25MPH in a 20MPH speed limit.
- 2 Fentiman Road isn't a main thoroughfare or arterial road (such as Tulse Hill SW2, Kennington Road SE11) where the volume of motor traffic is much higher, therefore the number of vehicles speeding is much higher. However, compared to other purely residential roads which carry fewer vehicles the percentage of vehicles travelling over 20mph is quite substantial.
- 3 The 15 travelling between 28mph and 40mph is a high proportion considering the speed limit is 20mph. At about 16:45 the volume of traffic had increased significantly which meant many potential speeders had to go slower, however we witnessed several cases of careless/ reckless/ impatient driving which was downright dangerous. Three were motorcycles overtaking a line of cars on the wrong side of the road. One motorcycle was about to ride past the Give Way sign at 29mph while overtaking a car on the actual junction. Others were cars not giving way to a LAS ambulance, and cars wandering over the road trying to overtake then seeing they couldn't. Driving like this on a narrow road is just as dangerous as speeding.
- 4 The "blockage" of Lambeth Bridge and the consequent backlog of vehicles on Fentiman and other roads put paid to the number of vehicles we may have recorded, but it also showed the heavy usage of Fentiman Road as a cut-through. Very noticeable was the high number of pedestrians on the footpaths, especially a substantial number of young school pupils with parents/ guardians. The junction of Fentiman Road/ Meadow Road was heavily congested and some things that shocked me were: (a) Impatience of drivers who crept over the intersection blocking it. (b) A vehicle overtaking a line of vehicles on the wrong side of the road (c) The three or more cyclists who had near misses when vehicles were manoeuvring without looking out for cyclists or other traffic (d) The hazardous conditions for pedestrians when trying to cross Meadow Road. Several had near misses with cyclists and vehicles who should have had the sense to make way.
- 5 The fastest speeds were recorded approximately 8.30am to 9.00am. These were particularly dangerous as (a) Fentiman Road is quite narrow, (b) there were a lot of parked cars which hide pedestrians stepping off the footpath and (c) from 8.30am onwards pedestrian traffic was high, notably a considerable number of young children walking to school with parents - many crossed at the junctions with Meadow and Carroun Roads so vehicles travelling too fast are an extreme danger. One vehicle travelling at 36mph did slow down when he saw us but then left at speed again.
- 6 One speed gun only
- 7 The police van was visible, and all vehicles immediately slowed down. As the volunteers in all sessions wore hi-vis jackets there may have been an effect on speeds when drivers spotted them.