

## Road campaign changes gear

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Rothwell road safety campaigners stepped up a gear in their fight by taking their case to the full meeting of Leeds City Council last week. A delegation from Leeds Road Residents Action Group attended the meeting of all 99 councillors and told how Rothwell roads are blighted by heavy lorries and speeding cars and that thousands of motorists using the A639 and A642 at Rothwell break the 40 mph speed limit every day. They also said that Royds School pupils had to cross the busy roads and warned that the problems would get worse unless action was taken before the opening of the East Leeds Link Road. The group called for a HGV ban and council support for a range of other road safety measures including a school crossing and speed cameras. The delegation was successful and the issues raised will now be referred to the Executive Board of Leeds City Council.

Karen Bruce, Rothwell Labour Party campaigner who spoke at the council meeting said, "we are taking the campaign forward and the delegation shows our determination to get some action taken. We're not willing to sit back and wait for the worst to happen before something is done."

Photo: The delegation from left to right: Gill Morton, Gerard Khoshnaw, Karen Bruce and Mark Gregory.