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Hello,

I know the deadline has passed but I am hoping these comments can still be shared with Council ahead of tomorrow’s meeting. They relate to Item 6 - Barons Street Area Traffic Calming.

I am a resident of Barons Street in New Kleinburg and have been raising safety concerns about the bike lanes here since late 2025.

The City’s own traffic data shows average speeds of up to 46km/h on a 40km/h street, with up to 4,387 vehicles per day. That is not a quiet neighbourhood road, and yet bike lanes run through four active roundabouts along it with no crossing guard solution possible under the City’s own policy, since roundabouts are uncontrolled intersections. Over the winter I watched the guide signs at those roundabouts get replaced multiple times after being struck by vehicles. Trucks are also still using Barons Street despite the restriction.

What concerns me most is that local schools are actively encouraging children to walk and bike to school using these lanes. With the current conditions on Barons Street, that is not safe. Children should not be directed onto a route like this until a proper safety analysis has been completed.

I am asking that the bike lanes be temporarily removed until a full safety review is done. Once the analysis is complete, the City can make an informed decision about whether to bring them back and in which sections they actually make sense. More signage in the meantime is not enough.

Thank you,

Phil