



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE
IN EPSOM & EWELL**

**STONELEIGH TRAFFIC CALMING –
RESULTS OF RESIDENTS SURVEY**

24th JANUARY 2005

KEY ISSUE:

This report provides information on the results of the questionnaire survey undertaken in December 2004, investigating Stoneleigh ward residents' attitudes towards traffic calming in Stoneleigh.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting on the 28th July 2003, the Local Committee agreed to establish a working group of local Members in order to oversee a survey of Stoneleigh residents. The purpose of the survey was to assess resident's attitudes towards the Stoneleigh Traffic Calming scheme. This survey was undertaken in December 2004 and the preliminary findings are incorporated within this report. A recommendation is made to acknowledge the interim findings and to reconvene the Members Working Group to review further detailed analysis. The Members Working Group will then report back to a subsequent meeting of this Committee.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee is asked to agree that:

- i) The Members Working Group considers further detailed analysis of the Stoneleigh survey and reports back to a subsequent meeting of this Committee.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On the 23rd June 2003 a petition was presented to the Local Committee from 659 individuals of the Stoneleigh area calling for the removal of the speed tables and their replacement with alternative measures.
- 1.2 The Committee agreed to establish a working group of local elected Members together with the Chair of the Local Committee and for this working group to carry out a formal survey of residents' attitudes towards traffic calming within Stoneleigh. It was agreed that the working group would report their findings to a subsequent meeting of this Committee.
- 1.3 A survey was undertaken in December 2004 and the interim results of the survey presented below. The survey questionnaire is attached as ANNEXE 1.

2. INITIAL FINDINGS FROM ATTITUDINAL SURVEY

- 2.1 A total of 1684 questionnaires were delivered to properties throughout Stoneleigh. A request was made for 1 additional leaflet from a resident, although this was never returned. Of the 1684 questionnaire leaflets delivered, we received 648 replies. This is a good response rate of 38.4%.
- 2.2 The leaflets were delivered to all roads north of the A240 in Stoneleigh and the results separated, between those roads where traffic calming was present and those where no traffic calming had been installed.

Area 'A' – Roads where traffic calming is present:

429 leaflets delivered
204 leaflets returned
47% response rate.

Of which:

64% of replies felt that the traffic calming in Stoneleigh was beneficial.
36% of replies felt that the traffic calming was of no or unknown benefit.

Area 'B' – Roads where traffic calming is not present:

1333 leaflets delivered
398 leaflets returned
29% response rate.

Of which:

48% of replies felt that the traffic calming in Stoneleigh was beneficial.
52% of replies felt that the traffic calming was of no or unknown benefit.

- 2.3 Obviously the questionnaire asked a multivariate range of questions and opinions from residents about their views on the Stoneleigh traffic calming. Officers did not have enough time prior to agenda despatch to analyse the responses in any more detail than is outlined above.
- 2.4 It is therefore intended that a more detailed analysis of the questionnaire will be tabled at this meeting.

3. WAY FORWARD

- 3.1 It is recommended that a working group be established comprising local elected Borough and County Members together with the Chair of this Committee in order to review the statistical analysis presented at this meeting. The working group should review the survey results and make a recommendation to a future meeting of this Committee, as recommended at the Local Committee meeting in July 2003.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Survey results indicate that amongst those residents directly affected by the speed tables, there is a strong belief that the traffic calming introduced in 1996 remains beneficial. However, the survey results have not been fully analysed and Members not made fully aware of all responses received. It is therefore appropriate for a working group of Local Members to review the full findings prior to reporting back their recommendations to a future meeting of this committee.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:
