



Abinger Lane, Road Speeding Petition

24 June 2009

A petition of 213 signatures was received on behalf of the residents of Abinger Lane and other residents as follows:

We, the undersigned, call on Surrey County Council Highways Services to reduce the speed limit on the Abinger Lane to 30 miles per hour and install all necessary traffic calming measures, such as Vehicle Activated Signs.

The Local Highways Manager responds:

The C43 classified Abinger Lane is included within the speed limit reviews' paper on this agenda, which recommends no change to the current derestricted limit. The annex to the speed limit reviews' report indicates that mean speeds are 23mph and 85th percentile speeds (the speed at which 85 % of drivers will travel) are 28mph. When assessed against the setting of speed limits guidance, a rural C classified road would generally have a 50mph speed limit. Given this and the fact that speeds are already below 30mph, a 30mph speed limit is unlikely to improve safety. Any speed reducing measures may be of value when drivers are travelling at higher speeds than this but funding for this is not identified as a current priority. In addition, it would be almost impossible in some locations to install the required signs to make any new speed limit enforceable.

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