



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
SURREY HEATH**

**CLEWS LANE, BISLEY
RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR TRAFFIC CALMING AND
SPEED REDUCTION**

16 FEBRUARY 2012

KEY ISSUES

To respond to the petition received by Surrey Heath Local Committee on 13 October 2011, worded as follows:

“Petition for Traffic Calming and Speed Reduction of Clews Lane, Bisley”.

SUMMARY

This report considers the issues raised by this petition and makes recommendations in response to it.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to note the contents of this report.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A petition was received by Surrey Heath Local Committee on 13 October 2011 asking for traffic calming and speed reduction in Clews Lane due to concerns about cars speeding along the road, travelling to or from the Flowers Estate.
- 1.2 Clews Lane is a D-class road that runs between the A322 and Church Lane. From the traffic lights on the A322, the road runs north-east, past two junctions and a playground before bending left to become Angelica Road, heading north-west into the Flowers Estate. On the outside of the bend is a junction, beyond which is a narrower section of Clews Lane that continues northwards to Church Lane. There is no footway on the east side of the road beyond the houses closest to the A322.
- 1.3 During the last 3 year period, 1 personal injury collision took place resulting in a slight injury to the driver. Whilst excessive speed may have been involved, it is noted that driver impairment is listed as a contributory factor in this incident.

2.0 ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

- 2.1 Surrey Police have deployed two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS); one in Clews Lane and one in Angelica Road. Unfortunately, the VAS in Clews Lane could not be erected in the preferred location as it would have been close to the wall around the playground and the police were concerned that it could have been subject to vandalism in this position.
- 2.2 We have not yet undertaken a speed survey along the road, although we aim to do so outside of the winter maintenance period. The intention in Clews Lane is to position the monitoring tubes adjacent to the end of the pedestrian guardrails, close to the entrance to the playground, as the traffic counter box can be chained to the rails.
- 2.3 Traffic calming features are generally used in a casualty-reducing role rather than solely for speed reduction and would be appropriate where there is a history of personal injury collisions in which excessive speed was a contributory factor. Given the nature of the single personal injury collision mentioned above, this is not the case in Clews Lane.
- 2.4 Based upon the accident history traffic calming is not considered to be an appropriate response to the issues in Clews Lane. The results of the speed survey may suggest that speed enforcement by Surrey Police is required and residents may wish to consider establishing a Community Speed Watch to help in this regard.
- 2.5 Signs already exist to warn drivers of the playground. However, there is no warning of the bend. The signs for the playground could be enhanced and new bend-with-junction warning signs, with an

additional plate advising of a maximum speed of 20mph, may influence driver behaviour along this length of road. It should be noted that such signs do not impose a speed limit – they are advisory signs only.

3.0 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 This matter has been discussed with Surrey Police's Casualty Reduction Officer for Surrey Heath.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The estimated cost of enhancing the existing signing is £700. If traffic calming measures were to be provided, these may cost approximately £40,000.

5.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

6.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 For the reasons outlined in this report, and considering the cost balanced against public benefit, it is recommended that no further action is taken with regard to the provision of traffic calming.
- 7.2 It is recommended that the existing signing should be enhanced to give better warning of the presence of the playground and the bend / junction.

8.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 Orders for the signs will be placed and arrangements made for a speed survey to take place early in the new financial year.
- 8.2 A speed survey will be commissioned, and subject to the results of this, Surrey Police may be asked to undertake enforcement at this location.

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