



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

### BLACKHEATH VILLAGE: TRAFFIC CALMING AT VILLAGE BOUNDARIES

12 DECEMBER 2008

#### KEY ISSUE

To authorise the implementation of traffic calming measures in Blackheath, funded by the Village Society, subject to the approval of the Local Highways Manager and the local County Councillor.

#### SUMMARY

Traffic calming measures introduced in Blackheath over the past few years have proved successful in regulating traffic speed and are popular with residents. The Village Society is seeking to fund similar features on other approaches to the village.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to** authorise the implementation of traffic calming measures in Blackheath, funded by the Village Society, subject to the approval of the Local Highways Manager.

#### 1 BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

- 1.1 Around two years ago, 'chokes' were introduced on the Blackheath Lane approach to the village. These comprised grassy build-outs into either side of the carriageway, reducing the road width so that only a single vehicle can pass. At the same time non-highway timber village boundary signs were installed on Common Land at either side of the road.

- 1.2 The chokes were designed by the County Council, but funded by the Blackheath Village Society. They have proved effective in regulating traffic speeds and are popular with residents.
- 1.3 The Village Society is now seeking to fund a similar choke on the Littleworth Lane approach to the village. The Local Highways Manager has walked the road with Society representatives and can see merit in the idea, which again would regulate speeds.
- 1.4 If taken forward, the Local Transportation Service (LTS) would carry out necessary design and safety checking work, and the Village Society would fund construction.

## **2 CONSULTATIONS**

- 2.1 The Village Society, local members and others would be consulted as appropriate.

## **3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The County Council would bear design costs only, which will be discussed with the local Member.

## **4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 No specific implications.

## **5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Improvement of road safety is a priority in promoting community safety in Waverley.

## **6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 As above

## **7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 As above

## **8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 8.1 The LTS will move forward with feasibility work.

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