

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND
RESPONSES****18 JUNE 2010****1. From Mr Tim Bloomfield (Ewhurst Parish Council)**

Local residents have long been concerned about the speed of traffic along the Horsham Road in Ellen's Green. The speed limits were put into place a few years ago; these are currently twofold: 40 mph to the eastern half, and 50 mph to the western. The Parish Council wishes to ask the Local Committee whether the 50 mph section could be changed to 40 mph, for the following reasons :

- As a member of Community Speed Watch, it became obvious that drivers were lured into a false sense of security at the two tight bends in the road being under the 50 mph rule: driving at this speed at either of these corners would incur severe over-steering, as has been witnessed on many occasions.
- The location of the 50 mph stretch: the limit changes from 40mph to 50 mph very close to a tight bend close to the Wheatsheaf Pub: drivers enter this corner far too fast, and vehicles slowly exiting the car park are in danger of collision (as has happened in the past).
- The start of the 50mph stretch coming from Cranleigh is close to another tight bend by the Somersbury Lane junction, where vehicles cut across to access the lane with difficult sight lines.
- A high number of large HGVs use this stretch of road, it being the only easterly route from Cranleigh to Horsham and beyond, driving too fast.
- A high number of large HGVs turn across the road to access and egress commercial sites off Somersbury Lane and Furzen Lane.
- The location of a commercial site close to the bend near the Somersbury Lane entrance, with vehicles slowly entering and exiting the site.

- Residents on the road are anxious when exiting or entering their driveways due to speeding vehicles.

If a 40mph limit were to be instigated for the whole stretch of the road through the village it would mean that drivers who are not knowledgeable of the area would be advised to drive carefully.

Whilst requesting this speed limit, we would also like to raise the question of the flooding which regularly occurs further along this road, in the unrestricted area by the entrance to Baynards Park. Recent records will show this results in many accidents, either with vehicles 'aquaplaning' or skidding into the ditch, particularly during the icy weather in the winter when the area became an ice rink. We would request that investigations be made to improve the drainage in this area before the onset of the autumn rain and winter freeze.

Committee Response

Revised speed limits constitute an Integrated Transport Scheme (ITS), and as such this request will be referred to the Cranleigh and Eastern Villages Task Group for prioritisation against other suggested schemes in the area. However, the funding for ITS schemes will be extremely limited in the coming years, as explained at Item 9 on the agenda for this meeting. In the interim, officers are asked to obtain Police views on the suggested lower limits to inform further decisions.

Officers will investigate the flooding issue described at the entrance to Baynards Park, and take all practicable measures to improve the existing drainage system.

2. From Mr Chris Meeks (Friends of the Earth, Waverley and Guildford Group)

Since resurfacing work was undertaken at Meadow, Godalming some months ago, many local people have waited for the reinstatement of all cycle lanes on this stretch of highway. How much longer do we need to wait before they are reinstated ?

A valuable safety feature of these cycle lanes was the use of different coloured surfacing where they crossed Kings Road, Catteshall Road and the entrance to Wey Court; these lanes were originally created as an integral part of the pedestrian lights scheme at Meadow.

Committee Response

The southbound cycle lane along much of Meadow and Guildford Road was reinstated when the road was resurfaced. However, the cycle lanes between the petrol station north of Wey Court and Kings Road, and associated coloured surfacing, have yet to be completed. Work on these will now be expedited.