EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE HELD AT 4.00PM ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2011

32/11 SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT: STOKE ROAD, STOKE D'ABERNON [Item 15]

Mr Butcher questioned figures within the report as they were different to those set out in previous reports. In addition he argued that figures taken from 2007 were unsatisfactory. He referred to the minutes from the meeting in December 2009, which referred the issue back to the Highways Team for more information and questioned where this information was. He stated that previously he had asked for a 30mph section in the central section of this road but having spoken to the North East Area Team Manager he conceded that this was not practicable.

Members discussed the possibilities of reducing certain sections of the road to 30mph and the different methods for traffic management.

The North East Area Manager advised the Committee that should it suggest to reduce the speed limit of the road without proposing some traffic calming measures then this would not be enforceable and therefore unlikely to reduce the speeds of those who are currently driving over the speed limit and could cause more accidents due to driver expectations.

In addition the Members were advised that should they wish to put forward a resolution that was contrary to the officer's recommendation, then this issue would need to be referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport for decision. John Butcher proposed, and Cllr Dorothy Mitchell seconded the proposal to reduce the speed limit along the Stoke Road, Stoke D'Abernon to 30mph between the present 30mph zone to a suitable point just east of the Chelsea Football Club training ground to be determined. This was agreed by the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment be asked to agree that the speed limit along the Stoke Road, Stoke D'Abernon be reduced to 30mph between the present 30mph zone to a suitable point just east of the Chelsea Football Club training ground (to be determined).

ALSO, PUBLIC QUESTION RELATING TO THIS ITEM - ASKED AT THIS MEETING

From: Martin Elbourne - Speed Limit Assessment, Stoke Road, Stoke D'Abernon

Following the submission of the Stoke Road, Stoke D'Abernon Speed Limit Assessment 20 June 2011, will the Committee now exercise their discretion, as allowed under the recently approved SCC Speed Limit Policy, and reduce the speed limit to 30 mph along the Stoke Road in order to reflect the safety concerns expressed by the local residents in their petition (signed by over 200 people) which was submitted in September 2009.

The Chairman gavethe following response:

The results of the Stoke Road Assessment are included on the agenda at item 15 for consideration by the Committee. At this point there will be a full discussion of the issues and Members will have the opportunity to accept officer recommendations or resolve to follow a different course.

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