

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

DATE: 20 JUNE 2014  
 LEAD OFFICER: JOHN HILDER  
 AREA TEAM MANAGER



SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PETITION: 20 MPH LIMITS IN HASLEMERE  
 DIVISION: HASLEMERE

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

At the meeting of the Local Committee held on 9 May 2014 an online petition was received as follows:

**Petition title: Introduce a 20mph zone in Haslemere Town Centre and roads in Haslemere that want them.**

Created by: Victoria Leake

Details of petition as posted online: "In four years there have been four KSI (Killed and Seriously Injured) in a stretch of road less than a mile long. Between the hours of 09.00 to 19.00 40,000 cars pass through Lower Street, Haslemere and possibly the town centre per week. Pedestrian and cyclists are not safe; the roads are narrow with little or no footpaths. We petition Surrey County Council and the police to make our roads safer by introducing a 20mph zone in Haslemere Town Centre and other residential roads in Haslemere should the residents want it."

Signatories: 187 confirmed, 25 unconfirmed

**PROPOSED RESPONSE**

The Committee thanks Mrs Leake and the signatories for their petition.

The petition will be brought to the attention of the Haslemere and Western Villages Task Group meeting in the autumn to agree highway priorities for the next financial year, 2015/16. The petition is not specific in identifying roads to be considered for inclusion in a 20mph zone, but says the lower limit would be subject to the wishes of residents. In this respect it is noted that the Haslemere Health Check of 2003, reviewed in 2008, found that almost half of (46%) of respondents to an extensive public consultation exercise supported the idea of traffic calming measures and a 20mph speed limit, while a significant minority (34%) objected to this suggestion.

To adhere to Surrey County Council's draft speed limit policy, which is expected to be adopted in the next few months, average speeds must be 24 mph or less in order to introduce a 20mph limit, otherwise traffic calming measures are required which bring speeds down to this level.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree the proposed response to the petition.**

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**Consulted:**

N/A

**Annexes:**

None

**Sources/background papers:** Petition received at meeting on 9 May 2014.