

ITEM 9 SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT BLACKBROOK ROAD

Comments from Rae Burdon, Blackbrook Road Action Group.,

The report is inadequate in as much as:

- 1) It records in 1.1 Introduction and Background "The Committee resolved to instruct officers to investigate reducing the speed limit on Blackbrook Road from 40mph to 30mph and report the findings to a future meeting of Mole Valley Local Committee." I don't think I saw the minutes, but my clear recollection is that it was the view of the Local Committee that the reduction should be enforced, a decision subsequently overturned by the SCC. It is important that this decision or view is on the record, as it is relevant to the bigger issue of the failure of the SCC to understand the particular circumstances on BB road.
- 2) The report does not provide in Section 2.1 the basis of the speed statistics which are presented. The simple record of average speeds, uninformed by volume, location and time of day, do not address the core issue of the specifically dangerous parts of this road.
- 3) The increase in reported mean speeds from 38.01 to 42.34 are presented as "not supporting a reduction in speed limit." There is no basis for this view and no established criteria made available to us that can explain why an increase in recorded speeds does not support a reduction.
- 4) Similarly, the collision statistics fail to provide perspective on the basic issue that particular parts of this road are very dangerous at 40 mph, let alone at the speeds which we experience on a daily basis. After a positive initial settling-in period the enhanced signage etc has now become familiar and appears to make no difference whatsoever to the real problem - consistently excessive and occasionally ridiculous speeds from a high proportion of drivers at key places and times of day.
- 5) In Conclusions and recommendations 9.1 "Recorded speeds in Blackbrook Road are still too high for a reduction in the speed limit to comply with Surrey's speed limit policy." requires some explanation, please

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