

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)**

DATE: 26 JUNE 2015
LEAD OFFICER: JOHN HILDER
 AREA TEAM MANAGER - HIGHWAYS



SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PETITION: REQUEST FOR SAFETY MEASURES, GRAYSWOOD ROAD, HASLEMERE

DIVISION: HASLEMERE

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

1. At the Committee's meeting on 20 March 2015 Mr W Johnson presented a petition on behalf of residents of Three Gates Lane, Haslemere requesting: the introduction of a pedestrian crossing across Grayswood Road adjacent to its junction with Three Gates Lane, traffic calming measures to reduce speed in and out of Haslemere, 30mph signs posts to be put up for traffic travelling north out of Haslemere town centre, speed cameras to be put up to stop traffic speeding in and out of Haslemere and southbound on Grayswood Road 40 mph signs being changed to 30 mph signs with associated warning signs for drivers to be required to drive carefully in this residential area.
2. The Chairman indicated that a response would be reported to the committee at its meeting on 26 June 2015.
3. Following a site meeting in March with the Senior Highways Engineer, Mr Adrian Selby, and Mr Johnson and various residents of Three Gates Lane, a package of measures was agreed to address the concerns of residents about pedestrian safety and speed on the A286 Grayswood Road; this will be implemented as part of the Village Gateways Scheme, which is funded as part of the 2015/16 ITS programme.
4. Mr Selby advised the meeting that a pedestrian crossing would not be approved on safety grounds at the junction with Three Gates Lane and Grayswood Road; this is due to insufficient sight lines and the close proximity to the junction, which do not meet national criteria for controlled pedestrian crossings. Uncontrolled pedestrian facilities already exist at the junction in the form of dropped kerbs and tactile paving.
5. A speed violation camera would not be approved at this location as it does not meet County Council criteria, with no recorded fatalities and a single recorded collision within the last three year period. Speed violation cameras are reserved for sites with a history of KSI (Killed and Seriously Injured) accidents which engineering measures have failed to prevent.
6. Following an assessment of speed data taken by the police on Haslemere High Street near the museum it was found that the average speed at this location is 29mph. Highway officers and the police feel that the average speed is within the 30mph limit and is not at a sufficient level to require enforcement action.

7. Residents felt that speed is still an issue and requested the relocation of the existing speed limit terminals some 200m north towards Grayswood village. Highway engineers together with Surrey Police agreed this request and propose to relocate the speed limit terminals with enhanced 'village gateway' style signs and road markings to raise awareness of the 30mph limit and residential area. A resolution to this effect is requested from the committee at **Item 9** on this agenda.
8. The existing Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) close to the junction with Three Gates Lane currently operates from solar power. Residents felt that this made the sign unreliable in poor weather conditions. It has been agreed to investigate and, if possible, hard-wire the sign and remove the solar panel so that the sign operates 24 hours a day, making it more efficient in highlighting excessive speed as motorists enter Haslemere.
9. An additional smaller VAS has also been requested and agreed in Haslemere High Street to highlight the 30mph limit as motorists leave the town and accelerate towards Three Gates Lane and the 40mph limit.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Contact Officer:

Adrian Selby: Senior Traffic Engineer South West Area: Tel. 03456 009 009.

Consulted:

N/A

Annexes:

None

Sources/background papers: Petition received at meeting on 20 March 2015.