



Environment & Transport Select Committee
10 December 2012

Call-in of Cabinet Member Decision: 21 November 2012

Background:

1. On 21 November 2012, the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment made the following decision:

“That the Elmbridge Local Committee request for a reduction of the current speed limit on the A245, Stoke Road, Stoke D’Abernon, from its existing 40 mph, to 30 mph, between the existing 30 mph limit near Leigh Hill Road to a suitable point just east of the Chelsea Football Club training ground, not be endorsed”.
2. On 29 November 2012, Democratic Services received notification that in their capacity as Members of the Environment & Transport Select Committee, Mrs Pat Frost, Mr Tom Phelps-Penry and Mr Michael Sydney would be calling in the above decision. The reasons given for the call-in were as follows:
 - That the wrong decision was taken and the speed limit on Stoke Road should be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph.
 - That in making the decision, the Cabinet Member did not recognise that Local Committees are best placed to recognise local circumstances and therefore propose appropriate speed limits in their areas.
3. The following documents in relation to the decision made on 21 November 2012 are attached:
 - Cabinet Member decision sheet of 21 November 2012 (**Annexe A**).
 - Officer report to Cabinet Member: Speed Limit A245 Stoke Road, Stoke D’Abernon, 21 November 2012 (**Annexe B**).
 - Officer report to Elmbridge Local Committee: Stoke Road, Stoke D’Abernon Speed Limit Assessment, 20 June 2011 (**Annexe C**).
 - Extract from the minutes of the Elmbridge Local Committee meeting held on 20 June 2011 (**Annexe D**).
 - Map of Stoke Road (**Annexe E**).

4. The Select Committee is asked to consider the above evidence and decide whether it supports the Cabinet Member decision in relation to the speed limit on Stoke Road, Stoke D'Abernon, or if it will refer the decision back to the Cabinet Member for reconsideration.

For decision:

The Select Committee is asked to review the Cabinet Member decision made on 21 November 2012 to not endorse the Elmbridge Local Committee request for a reduction of the current speed on the A245 Stoke Road, Stoke D'Abernon, from its existing 40 mph, to 30 mph, between the existing 30 mph limit near Leigh Hill Road to a suitable point just east of the Chelsea Football Club training ground.

Next steps

- Should the Select Committee support the decision of the Cabinet Member, the decision will take effect on the date of the Select Committee meeting.
- Should the Select Committee refer the decision back, the Cabinet Member will have to reconsider the decision within seven working days of the Select Committee meeting.

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Sources/background papers: As attached.