

Annex A**Formal written response to proposals from Surrey Police**

Thank you for consulting with Surrey Police. I have read the report from Mr Duncan Knox and fully support its recommendations, without hesitation.

The existing speeds are such that the DfT report, 01/2013 "Setting local speed limits", ACPO (NPCC) report on "Joining forces for safer roads" and the Surrey County Council "Speed limit policy" all predict that without significant engineering measures designed to act as a speed reduction counter measure, the reduction in the average speeds will not be achieved and the project will consequently fail.

The school do not want a 30mph limit outside the school. What they want is an effective 30mph limit with a high level of compliance and having agreed to reduce the speed limit, I believe that you are bound to ensure that the new limit is effective. The above mentioned reports make it very clear that this cannot be achieved with the relatively high existing average speeds, without extensive engineering solutions being implemented.

Mr Knox is an experienced expert on speed issues and I am confident in his judgement. I am also confident that without the improvements recommended by him, the attempt to reduce average speeds will fail. Experience has shown that with this level of existing average speed, putting a few signs up, or simply changing the terminal signs, will prove to be wholly inadequate.

Long term speed enforcement by police forces has shown that such enforcement can be an ineffective tool to ensure a consistently reduced average speed. Indeed, current financial restraints on Surrey Police mean that I cannot guarantee regular enforcement at this location in the event of a failure of this project. I have to prioritise locations where speed limits are being deliberately exceeded and there is a long term collision history. This location does not meet that criteria.

I am aware that the solutions are not cheap. However, failure to reduce average speeds to an acceptable level, will mean that the local committee will have to consequently consider reinstating the previous 40mph speed limit, as required by your speed limit policy.

Having decided to reduce the speed limit, I now strongly urge you to implement Mr Knox's recommendations in order to secure a long term successful outcome.

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