

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 20 MARCH 2015

SUBJECT: FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

DIVISION: OXTED



In recent years the traffic speeds on Detillens Lane have become unacceptable. The Police carried out a speed survey in November 2013 and the results of this showed that the majority of vehicles exceed the speed limit, with top recorded speeds being above 60mph. I circulated all the households in Detillens Lane, and had a 75% response, of whom virtually all want a permanent solution.

Following a residents' meeting in November 2014, we feel that at least two build- outs on the road would reduce the speeds, and the shoulder to try to stop traffic speeding when leaving the A25 is ineffective and should have a sharper bend into Detillens.

I would ask what can you do, to deal permanently with speeding vehicles along Detillens Lane, taking into consideration the residents views?

Response:

Detillens Lane is the B2025, a residential road that links the A25 Westerham Road with the B269 High Street, Limpsfield. It has a speed limit of 30mph and there are parking restrictions on some sections of the road.

The speed survey referred to in the question was carried out by the police using speed detection radar in November 2013, and recorded mean traffic speeds of 31mph in each direction. A short survey using a hand held radar gun was carried out in February 2015 to obtain up to date information. This survey recorded mean traffic speeds of 27.5mph for north east bound traffic and 27.9mph for south west bound traffic. The mean speeds from both surveys are in line with what would be expected for a road with a 30mph speed limit, although there are undoubtedly some drivers that exceed this limit. A review of road casualty data over the past three years shows one collision involving serious injury. The police considered that speed was a contributory factor in this collision.

The Area Highways Team receives a large number of requests for schemes to make roads safer. The request for speed reducing measures in Detillens Lane will be added to the Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) list of schemes for consideration for future funding, to be prioritised alongside other schemes on that list. The Local Committee's ITS capital budget has been allocated for the forthcoming financial year. On the basis of the data provided in this response, the provision of traffic calming in Detillens Lane would not be a high priority for the allocation of Local Committee funding. However, the request will be reviewed when the Tandridge ITS forward programme for 2016/17 – 2017/18 is developed with Members.

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