

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

**DATE:** 20 MARCH 2015  
**SUBJECT:** MEMBERS QUESTIONS  
**DIVISION:** CATERHAM VALLEY



Mrs Sally Marks asks on behalf of 20 residents who signed a petition, if any traffic calming measures could be put in place on Godstone Road that leads to the bypass.

The residents are concerned that cars travel very fast along the road failing to appreciate that they are now in a residential area. St John's primary school is just off Godstone Road and there are many school children walking there daily.

**Response:**

Godstone Road is the B2030 and links the A22 Caterham Bypass with Caterham Valley town centre. The speed limit on the section of Godstone Road from a point 5 metres south of the southern kerb line of Markfield Road northwards is 30mph. St John's Primary School is in Markfield Road, which runs in a south easterly direction from Godstone Road approximately 50m north of its junction with the A22.

There are existing school warning signs on Godstone Road for northbound traffic coming from the A22, and also for southbound traffic coming from Caterham Valley town centre. In addition a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) with the legend '30 Slow Down' is located on Godstone Road between Markfield Road and Markville Gardens.

A speed survey was carried out on Godstone Road by the Police in March 2012 using speed detection radar. The recorded mean speeds were 34mph northbound and 33mph southbound.

A review of the road casualty data over the past three years on the section of Godstone Road between the A22 and White Knobs Way shows two collisions involving personal injury. One of these collisions involved a motorist travelling northbound towards the A22 who clipped a ten year old child who was crossing Godstone Road in the vicinity of Markfield Road. The pedestrian was crossing the road in an inappropriate location, as there is no footway on the north-eastern side of Godstone Road. The Police did not consider that speed was a contributory factor in this collision.

Traffic calming measures would be inappropriate on Godstone Road as this is a major, heavily trafficked route into Caterham town centre. In addition, Godstone Road is on a bus route and vertical traffic calming measures can be uncomfortable for bus passengers. They are also not favoured by the Ambulance service.

For the above reasons, it is not proposed to install traffic calming measures on Godstone Road as requested by the residents.

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