

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)



DATE: 3 MARCH 2017
SUBJECT: PUBLIC QUESTION: REDUCING TRAFFIC SPEEDS ON
CHURCH LANE, OXTED
DIVISION: OXTED

Residents have observed significant numbers of vehicles far exceeding the current 30mph speed limit on Church Lane between the roundabout and the junction with the A25. We understand that spot speed checks by the police in the past have confirmed our impression.

We believe it is only a matter of time before speeding traffic in Church Lane causes serious injury and possible death. Our comprehensive survey provides an opportunity for the council to note your constituents' concerns and take appropriate action. The survey indicated that residents favoured 30mph electronic flashing signs and pavement extensions as potential solutions.

We ask that the council takes steps to make Church Lane a safe place for all who use it.

Question from Mr Geoff Knowles, Mr Andy Lotter and Mr Chris Shirtcliffe.

(Please refer to the supporting information provided i) summary of concern and ii) example of survey sent out).

Response:

Church Lane is a single carriageway road that runs from the A25 Godstone Road to the roundabout at the junction with Station Road West and East Hill Road. It then continues in a northerly direction to join Barrow Green Road and Bluehouse Lane outside St Mary's Church. This public question relates to traffic speeds on the section of Church Lane between the A25 and the roundabout.

Church Lane is subject to a 30mph speed limit. There are 30mph terminal speed limit signs on both sides of Church Lane close to the junction with the A25. These signs indicate to motorists turning into Church Lane from the A25 that the speed limit has changed from 40mph to 30mph. The Police are responsible for enforcing the speed limit on Church Lane.

A review of the recorded personal injury collisions on this section of Church Lane has been carried out for the period between November 2013 and October 2016 (the latest date for which data is available). During this period there have been 3 collisions involving slight personal injury. 2 of these collisions involved vehicles turning out of Church Lane onto the A25 and 1 was at the roundabout at the junction of Church Lane with Station Road West and East Hill Road. The Police did not consider that excessive speed was a contributory factor in any of these collisions.

In January 2015 the Police collected speed data on Church Lane over a 7 day period from a location outside Oakhill Lodge. The mean speed of north east bound traffic was 33mph and the mean speed of south west bound traffic was 30mph.

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Officers appreciate the concerns of local residents regarding traffic speeds on Church Lane. The Local Area Highway Team receive a large number of requests for both speed reducing measures and road safety measures on roads in the Tandridge area. There is very limited funding available to implement such measures, and therefore all such requests need to be prioritised. The measured mean speeds, taken together with the collision history mean that regrettably the request for a vehicle activated sign and extension to the existing footways would not be prioritised over other requests for speed reducing measures or road safety measures in the Tandridge area.

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