

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 30 NOVEMBER 2017
 SUBJECT: SPEED RESTRICTIONS ON MIDDLE STREET AND
 BROCKHAM LANE, BROCKHAM

DIVISION: DORKING RURAL

PETITION DETAILS:

Following an incident in which the petitioner's parked car was written off by a speeding vehicle (second one in four years) this petition is calling for speed restrictions and enforcement measures on Middle Street and Brockham Lane to prevent future accidents. The petition highlights the risk to pedestrians and in particular children who use this route to school.

RESPONSE:

Brockham Lane is a C-Class road providing direct access to the centre of Brockham village from the A25, it is subject to a 30mph speed limit, and has a number of side roads joining it and a footway on one side. Brockham Lane narrows to a single carriageway just to the north of the village centre where there is a bridge over the river Mole. There is no system of street lighting in Brockham Lane, therefore motorists are informed of the 30mph speed limit by 30mph repeater signs.

Brockham Lane runs into Middle Street which extends from the centre of Brockham village in a southerly direction, passing through Strood Green, to the junction with Brockhamhurst Road. Middle Street is also subject to a 30mph speed limit from the centre of Brockham village to approximately 100m south of the junction with Tweed Lane, where the speed limit changes to 40mph. The existing 30mph speed limit on Middle Street is supported by a series of 30mph repeater signs and 2 vehicle activated signs (VAS) that are located in Strood Green at the junction with Glenfield Road. The southbound VAS has been repaired and is working, the northbound VAS is on a list to be repaired as and when funding becomes available.

A review of the personal injury collisions recorded by Surrey Police, shows that there has been two reported collisions along Brockham Lane (which is approximately 1.2km in length) and two along Middle Street (which is approximately 2.4km in length) from 1st October 2014 to the 30th September 2017 (the latest three year period for which data is available). However, Surrey Police did not record drivers exceeding the speed limit as a contributory factor in any of these collisions. The collision which resulted in the petitioner's car being damaged was not a personal injury collision and therefore was not recorded by Surrey Police.

Following concerns that have previously been raised by residents regarding the speed of vehicles using Middle Street, a speed survey was carried out outside

property number 89, in June 2016. This speed survey recorded average mean speeds of 34.4mph (northbound) and 33.4mph (southbound). Schemes to install traffic calming measures in Brockham Lane and Middle Street, Brockham are included on the Integrated Transport Scheme list to be prioritised by the Local Committee for possible future funding. However, traffic calming measures such as speed humps and priority give-ways would require street lighting to be installed on Brockham Lane and Middle Street which would significantly increase the cost of works. Previous discussions with the Parish Council has suggested that the installation of street lights would not be welcomed on these roads which are somewhat rural in nature. However, other forms of traffic calming could be considered should funding become available.

Officers will raise the petitioners concerns about traffic speeds on Brockham Lane and Middle Street with the Police, who are responsible for enforcing the 30mph speed limit.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to

- (i) Note the officer's comment

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