

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 8 December 2017

SUBJECT: Public Question: Enforcement of 30 mph speed limit on Hollow Lane, Dormansland towards Dormans High Street.

DIVISION: LINGFIELD



SURREY

**Dr Robinson, with regards to enforcement of 30mph on Hollow Lane asks;**

There needs to be improved enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit on Hollow Lane, Dormansland, with larger, visible and clearer signage and traffic calming measures.

The speed restriction signage in Hollow Lane, Dormansland is inadequate and requires replacing. Currently the signage is too small and some are obscured by foliage. One of the signs near my house has signs of attempted vandalism.

Hollow Lane is becoming increasingly busy with traffic with over 300 cars an hour during peak times. It is used as cut through route. 8 out of 10 cars are exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. There have been several near collisions near the blind bend towards Dormans High Street. Speeding cars pose a danger to dog walkers crossing road into field. A danger to children and other road users. Other residents on the road have also raised concerns. The council should install matrix type electronic speed signs to visually warn drivers.

This is relatively inexpensive and would be a significant step in raising awareness and forcing drivers to comply. A speed camera would certainly generate significant revenue! More importantly it will help prevent accidents and save lives.

This request falls well within the council's remit of the DriveSmart Initiative and should be considered as making the local community roads safe.

**Response:**

Hollow Lane is a rural road for much of its length, and runs from Shepherds Grove Lane near the Surrey/East Sussex County boundary northwards into Dormansland Village to the junction with High Street/Plough Road. The speed limit on Hollow Lane is 40mph between Shepherds Grove Lane and the junction with Mutton Hill, and 30mph between the junction with Mutton Hill and High Street/Plough Road. The Police are responsible for enforcing these speed limits.

Speeding and anti-social driving have been recorded as a prime concern of Surrey residents. Consequently Surrey County Council and Surrey Police work closely together as part of the DriveSMART initiative. As part of this initiative, speed management plans have been compiled for every District and Borough to identify with Police colleagues those sites that require the most enforcement attention to reduce speeds. Officers will raise resident's concerns about traffic speeds on Hollow Lane with Surrey's road safety team who are responsible for the Speed Management Plan and with the Police.

Officers appreciate the concerns raised about road safety on Hollow Lane. A review of recorded personal injury collisions have been carried out on the section of Hollow Lane between Mutton Hill and High Street/Plough Road for the 3 year period between October 2014 and September 2017. During this period there have been 2 collisions involving slight personal injury, both of which involved vehicles turning out of or into Hollow Lane at the junction with High Street/Plough Road. The Police did not consider that speed was a contributory factor in either of these collisions.

The South East Area Highway Team receives large numbers of requests for road safety measures on the public highway network, and has very limited funding for such measures. Unfortunately your request for speed reduction measures such as a Vehicle Activated Sign in Hollow Lane is unlikely to be prioritised against other requests for schemes in the Tandridge area given the collision history and the limited funding available for such schemes.

Officers will carry out a review of the existing speed limit signs on the section of Hollow Lane that has a 30mph speed limit. Any repairs that are needed to the existing signs will be carried out, vegetation will be cut back as necessary and if Officers consider that additional 30mph repeater signs will assist motorists, then these will be provided.

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