

# SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)**

**DATE: 13 DECEMBER 2019**

**SUBJECT: PETITION RESPONSE REPORT –  
PORTSMOUTH ROAD MILFORD AND  
GODALMING**

**DIVISION: GODALMING SOUTH MILFORD AND WITLEY**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the officer response and the suggestion for the introduction of a Vehicle Activated Sign, to be funded from the Divisional member Mr Peter Martin's committee allocation for 2020/21.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Introduction of the Vehicle Activated Sign will activate for those driving in excess of the posted limit, drawing their attention to this and to help regulate their speed.

## **PETITION DETAILS:**

A petition has been received from Beth Pinkerton-Smith which contained 28 signatures and reads:

*"This petition is to gain support from the residents living on and around PORTSMOUTH ROAD (between Milford and Godalming) to present before the Waverley Local Committee, with the request to assess and introduce traffic calming measures to reduce the speed and improve the safety of the road.*

*For many years, and for some residents over 20 years, there has been an increasing number of concerns regarding the safety of Portsmouth Road. We are all in agreement that the lack of measures to reduce the significant speeding problem is by far our biggest worry and disappointment. Many of the residents have either witnessed or have them themselves experienced an incident on the road, and the speed of the cars and the consistent overtaking by dangerous drivers is a daily concern for all of us."*

**RESPONSE:**

Speeding is essentially a Police enforcement issue as driving in excess of the posted speed limit is a criminal offence, for which the Police, as the sole highway enforcement agency, have powers to deal with offenders who unashamedly flout the law, quickly and effectively.

The Highways Senior Engineer met with the petitioner and carried out speed checks which revealed a problem with excess speed. The Police are aware and it has been discussed at the Road Safety Working Group. The Senior Engineer suggested that a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) could be considered to help reduce speeds; however, funding would need to be allocated by the SCC Divisional Member, Mr Peter Martin.

Mr Martin has expended his Member Highways Fund for 2019/20, so consideration would need to be given in the next financial year.

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