

**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 17 March 2020****AGENDA ITEM 04****WRITTEN PUBLIC STATEMENT****Statement: Martin Elbourne****Re: Statement in support of the proposed traffic calming measures for Stoke Road, Cobham**

This evening the Committee will be asked by Surrey Highways to approve a traffic calming scheme for Stoke Road.

The implementation of this scheme would represent a significant milestone for local residents, who have been seeking to reduce the traffic speed on Stoke Road for the past ten years.

During this time local residents have successfully:

- With your help, secured the reduction of the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph;
- Secured CIL funding to support the installation of vehicle activation signs; and,
- Deployed two CSW teams every month for the past two years.

This activity has had a demonstrable impact in reducing the number of speeding drivers.

The proposed traffic calming scheme will complement the work achieved so far and consolidate efforts to further reduce traffic speed, thus making Stoke Road a safer place for all users and residents.

This has been a collaborative effort between residents, local councillors, this Committee and Surrey highways – who have, in consultation with residents, produced this innovative scheme.

Whilst there have been a small number of concerns raised about the scheme, highways have stated that they will take these into account as part of the ongoing design process.

As a representative of the local residents and one of the 87% of respondents who expressed support for the scheme during the consultation process, I would urge the Committee to accept the Highways' recommendation and approve the scheme for implementation.

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