



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY) 12 Nov 2021

AGENDA ITEM 6

WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. Andrew Bolton, will ask the following question:

Hurtmore Rd leading from the A3 into Godalming is one of the major entry points into the town. The road from the A3 is a narrow and winding road but on the entry into Godalming the road is straighter and traffic speeds up.

Recently Highways and the police have reinstalled a speed monitor camera and display but this has operated intermittently. There has been at least one fatality on the road in the past.

Local residents have been told that the monitoring detects a large number of speeding cars, so much so that the camera's battery is often exhausted thus preventing the operation of the speed warning.

What assurance will highways give that traffic will be monitored efficiently and speed limits enforced in the future?

Answer

Surrey Police are responsible enforcing the local speed limits, the County Council have no jurisdiction in this matter.

Hurtmore Road was recently discussed at the Surrey Speed Management Plan meeting with Surrey Police and following some speed data that was collected the Police have agreed to prioritise some routine speed enforcement on this section of road.

The flashing vehicle activated sign (VAS) is a portable unit that has been placed at this location as a temporary measure to try and highlight the speed limit. The unit is battery powered and the batteries will require changing when they are discharged which is largely dependent on the number of activations. This will be carried out by an Officer as and when he is available and in the area. It is hoped that funding will be made available for a permanent hard wired VAS to be installed next financial year 2022/23.

The Senior Highways Engineer recently met with local residents to discuss their concerns about speed on the Hurtmore Road and he advised that the Police will now be carrying out speed enforcement. He also suggested that the residents could start a Community Speed Watch group which would help raise awareness of the speed limit and also supplement the enforcement that will be undertaken. Residents seemed keen to progress this and will contact the Police to arrange the necessary training.

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