

**Surrey County Council
Local Committee Epsom & Ewell
23rd September 2013**

PETITION :

Reduction of Speed Limit to 20mph in Langley Vale Village, Epsom Downs

Received from Miss Lucy Hamilton, containing 111 signatures from local residents.

The key concerns are:

- The volume of traffic has increased in Langley Vale due to construction of new houses.
- The amount of parking has increased due to the extra number of houses and more car ownership.
- There has been an increase in the number of deliveries to the estate, possibly due to internet shopping.
- It is suggested that vehicles speeds are higher than the 30mph speed limit.
- There is no safe crossing places near the School in Beaconsfield Road.
- Many cars park on the pavement making parents with pushchairs have to walk in the road.
- A family pet was recently killed by a driver who was doing less than 30mph and there are fears a child may be next.

Officer Response:

1. A meeting took place on 16th Sept with Miss Lucy Hamilton, County Councillor Tina Mountain, the highway engineer and the Police to discuss the issues and possible solutions to the problems raised by the petition.
2. It was felt that there are some motorists driving at an inappropriate speed near the vicinity of the school. However, speed surveys carried out by the Police did not indicate excessive speeds and there are virtually no personal injury accidents within the estate. It was felt that a slight adjustment to the SID (Speed Indicator Display) sign to indicate a sad face above 25mph would help encourage slower more appropriate speed near to the school.
3. Although parking does occur this is predominantly residential and the only way to alter this would be to introduce waiting restrictions which would not be popular with local residents.
4. It was suggested that some new gateway signing at the entrance to the village at Rosebery and Grosvenor Roads would help to make motorists feel that they were entering a different environment from Langley Vale Road. The blanket introduction of a 20mph speed limit would not be possible without some form of traffic calming measure being introduced.
5. It would be difficult to justify the high cost of introducing traffic calming given the speed and accident data. Gateway signs such as 'Langley Vale Village – please drive carefully' will be investigated to deter inappropriate speeds on the village

roads. It was felt that the use of social networking sites maybe a useful tool in engaging with the community. It was agreed that Miss Hamilton will be kept informed of progress. It was also felt that making the community aware of the antisocial driving may bring about long term changes in driver behavior.
