

Annex 1**Petition – Reigate High Street 20mph Speed Limit**

Reigate Methodist Church, which has a well-attended Community Centre at the rear of its premises, has become increasingly concerned about traffic flow in Reigate High Street after one of its elderly members was knocked down and injured crossing the High Street. The Methodist Church is petitioning for a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph in the High Street.

Response

The A25 Reigate High Street forms part of the strategic road network and is the southern arm of the one-way system in Reigate town centre. It provides a link between Redhill to the east, Dorking to the west, the M25 to the north and Gatwick to the south. It also serves as a diversion route when there are problems on the M25 or M23. Traffic volumes are therefore high.

Reigate High Street is a vibrant shopping centre comprising both national chain stores and independent retailers. There are a number of large office premises and the Borough Council offices to the north of the High Street in addition to local schools and Priory Park located nearby. As a result, there are significant pedestrian movements both along and across the High Street.

There are currently signalised pedestrian crossing facilities at either end of the High Street and a further signalised crossing in the High Street near the pedestrian access to Morrisons supermarket. There are also informal crossing points where kerb build-outs have been provided together with dropped kerbs and tactile paving.

A review of the collision data collected by the Police shows that in the 3 year period June 2011 to June 2014, there have been 4 recorded personal injury collisions in the High Street. All these collisions resulted in slight injuries and 3 of the collisions involved pedestrians. This is the latest data available and does not include the incident to which the petitioner refers.

In July 2014 Surrey County Council adopted a new speed limit policy. Under the policy, 20mph speed limits can be introduced by signing alone where existing mean speeds are at or below 24mph. Where the existing mean speeds are above 24mph, then traffic calming measures will be required. The policy sets out an assessment process that has to be followed, which includes seeking the views of the Police.

There is no current traffic speed data available for Reigate High Street. The first stage of the speed assessment process is to carry out a one-week automatic traffic survey of vehicle speeds. It is proposed that this survey be funded from the Local Committee's revenue budget. The results of the survey will be reported to the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Member who will make a decision, in consultation with the Area Team Manager, on how to proceed, based on the results of the survey and subject to the allocation of funding if required. It should be noted that there is no capital funding allocated at the current time to progress a 20mph speed limit in the High Street.

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