
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 26th September 2011
Subject: **Petition – 20mph Speed Limit Tilsworth Road, Stanbridge**
Report of: Basil Jackson
Summary: The purpose of the report is to consider a petition with 76 signatures, 12 letters, a number of drawings and a traffic survey received by Central Bedfordshire Council from year two at Stanbridge Lower School requesting that a 20mph speed limit be considered in Tilsworth Road, Stanbridge

Contact Officer: Nick Chapman
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Heath and Reach
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Financial:

Cost of Speed measurement and analysis circa £500
The cost of implementation of Speed Limit Order with signs and repeaters circa £3500.

Legal:

None as a result of this report

Risk Management:

None as a result of this report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

This report and recommendation does not have any implications under the Human Rights Act 1998.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None as a result of this report

Community Safety:

None as a result of this report

Sustainability:

None as a result of this report

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. That the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities-Services is requested to note the contents of the report.

Background and Information

1. A petition with 76 signatures was received by Central Bedfordshire Council. The petition was received from Stanbridge Lower School and has been accompanied by a number of drawings from Year two children and a survey of traffic undertaken by the children.
2. The petition makes one request for the implementation of a 20mph speed limit in Tilsworth Road outside the school.

Speed and volume of Traffic:

3. Tilsworth Road is currently within the 30mph speed limited area of Stanbridge.
4. There is currently no speed or traffic volume data on file for this road. The site will be placed on the waiting list for traffic speed and volume measurements when resources become available

Additional Information

5. The length of Tilsworth Road where the school is situated is straight and either side of the school has residential frontage on both sides. It is currently subject to a 30mph speed limit.
6. There are school warning signs on both approaches with flashing 'wig-wag' lights together with slow markings on the road and a coloured school warning road marking.
7. There have been no recorded injury collisions in the last 3 years.
8. Central Bedfordshire Council has no current policy to implement a blanket 20mph speed limit outside schools. Where other works are being carried out to improve the safety of routes to school then a 20 mph speed limit will be considered as part of those works where it is deemed appropriate. There are no works currently planned for this school

9. It would also be expected that the majority of the children walking to and from school would be under at least a degree of adult supervision.
10. It is not possible to include the letters and drawings sent by the school but these are available for viewing by members if required as background information.

Conclusions

11. Speeding on through routes in rural communities has become more of an issue for communities in recent times. The perception is that there is a high percentage of vehicles travelling at inappropriate speeds. This is not always borne out by study however.
12. In this case therefore it is considered that the site be subject to traffic speed and volume measurements when the resources to undertake this become available and that an informed decision be taken on any possible future actions as a result.
13. It must also be noted that 20mph limits do not generally benefit from Police enforcement.

Appendices:
Petition heading.

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HELP US TO KEEP ALL OUR CHILDREN SAFE
BY REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE
SCHOOL TO 20 M.P.H
Please sign the petition below

