
Meeting: Delegated Decisions by the Executive Member for Community Services.
Date: 9 December 2014
Subject: Consideration of a petition that has been submitted to the Council – Dunstable Road, Caddington.
Report of: Paul Mason, Head of Highways
Summary: This report is to note the receipt of petitions submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council and determine a way forward.

Contact Officer: Nick Chapman
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Caddington
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

None from this report

Financial:

There is currently no budget allocated for this work.

Legal:

None from this report

Risk Management:

None from this report

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None from this report

Equalities/Human Rights:

None

Community Safety:

None from this report

Sustainability:

None from this report.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Executive Member for Community Services notes the receipt of the petition and the comments of the Parish Council and that any further actions be deferred until after the proposed traffic calming has been installed and subject funding being made available.

Background and Information

1. A petition from has been received signed by 180 residents mainly of Dunstable Road, Caddington.
2. Residents are concerned with the frequent increase in speeding along this stretch of road and issues with entry and exit to their driveways due to excessive speed and vehicles mounting the footway along Dunstable Road.
3. Residents would like consideration to be given to:
 - Undertaking a traffic survey/speed check along this stretch of road.
 - Speed tables
 - Speed cameras
4. The Parish Council is also aware of the petition and it was discussed at a recent meeting. The resolution of the Council is as below.
*Copy of residents' petition for traffic calming along Dunstable Road (original was sent to CBC). **RESOLVED** to await traffic calming measures to be implemented as part of the development on the Scout Hut site and then re-visit the issue if necessary.*
5. It can be seen from the Parish Council's response and is recognised within the covering letter that some traffic calming work is expected in the near future arising from a local development. The PC recommends that any further action to address speed be taken following implementation of this measure and this position is supported as any speeds taken now will be affected by a raised feature.
6. Any future actions that may be deemed appropriate to investigate speeds and to prepare traffic calming options would require funding.
7. It is understood that historically Caddington has made use of Community Speedwatch as an initiative to raise the profile of speeding vehicles. It is suggested that as a short term measure this could be used in Dunstable Road. Information on how to access this is available through then web address shown below.

http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/tackling_crime/watch_schemes/speed_watch.aspx

Appendices

Appendix A: Dunstable Road, Caddington



Appendix B: Petition

We, the undersigned, petition Central Bedfordshire Council to implement traffic calming measures (such as speed humps) in the 30 MPH zone of Dunstable Road in Caddington to ensure that vehicles stay within that speed limit. We believe that this will not only improve pedestrian safety but also make it both safer and easier for drivers to exit junctions and driveways.