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**Meeting:** Delegated Decisions by the Executive Member for Community Services on Traffic Regulation Orders

**Date:** 16 November 2015

**Subject:** Oakwood Avenue, Dunstable – Petition regarding Excessive Traffic Speed and Improved Signing

**Report of:** Paul Mason, Head of Highways

**Summary:** This report is to note the receipt of a petition submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council and suggest a way forward.

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Contact Officer: Nick Chapman

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Houghton Hall

Function of: Council

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

#### **Financial:**

There is no highways budget available to undertake any work at this location in the current financial year.

#### **Legal:**

None from this report

#### **Risk Management:**

None from this report

#### **Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

None from this report

#### **Equalities/Human Rights:**

None from this report

#### **Community Safety:**

None from this report

#### **Sustainability:**

None from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**It is recommended that the Executive Member for Community Services notes the petition and that the lead petitioner be informed that there are no plans to introduce speed reduction measures in the area.**

**Background and Information**

1. A petition was received from 88 residents of Oakwood Avenue and surrounding roads and parents of pupils attending St Augustine's Academy, wishing to slow traffic down and improve the traffic signing.
2. Oakwood Avenue and the remainder of Downside are covered by a 20mph speed limit, which should help to maintain relatively low speeds in the vicinity of the school. In addition, there is a reasonably high level of on-street parking, which is also likely to help to moderate traffic speeds, particularly at the start and end of the school day when parking is particularly heavy.
3. There are warning signs for the school, which could possibly be enhanced, but such improvements are unlikely to result in any noticeable change in driver behaviour. The school has school keep clear zig-zag road markings which also help to highlight the location of the school entrance to approaching motorists.
4. There are currently no plans to introduce any safety engineering works in the vicinity of the school and there are none planned for the foreseeable future.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Petition and covering letter

Appendix B – Location plan

## Appendix A



Residents of Oakwood avenue and parents of St Augustine's Academy school children wish to slow down the traffic moving towards the school from Mayfield road continuing onto the Oakwood avenue.

There are no road markings to slow down traffic and the current signs displayed are too small.

Thank you for your support with resolving this issue.

## Appendix B

