

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER MEETING – HIGHWAY ASSETS AND TRANSPORT

17 JUNE 2021

Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services

REPORT ON PETITIONS TO BE RECEIVED

1. Purpose of the Report To receive petitions forwarded to the County Council relating to matters contained within the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Highway Assets and Transport.

2. Information and Analysis In compliance with the Council's Petition Scheme, the following petition is presented for receipt, investigation and formal response by the Executive Director – Place:-

<u>LOCATION/SUBJECT</u>	<u>SIGNATURES</u>	<u>LOCAL MEMBER</u>
Stoney Middleton and Calver A623 – Request for Review of the Speed Limits	244	Councillor S Hobson
Wingerworth, Nethermoor Road – Traffic Calming Measures	23	Councillor B Lewis

3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, social values, property and transport considerations.

4. Key Decision No

5. Call-in Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

6. Background Papers

Petition held in Democratic Services.

7. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

(1) that the petition listed above be received and noted;

(2) that the Executive Director – Place be asked to investigate and consider the matters raised in the Stoney Middleton petition; and

(3) that the response provided to Lee Rowley, MP (Appendix) in respect of the Nethermoor Road, Wingerworth petition be forwarded to the lead Petitioner and Local Member.

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Date 07 May 2021

Dear Mr. Rowley,

Vehicle Speeds – Nethermoor Road, Wingerworth

Thank you for your enquiries dated 31st March and 1st April, 2021 regarding the above. I would first of all like to apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Please be assured that the concerns as expressed by your constituents in relation to vehicle speeds and associated road safety are fully acknowledged. As you will appreciate, this issue is a concern that residents and indeed road users across the County commonly report to us.

Nethermoor Road is subject to a 30mph speed limit from its junction with the A61 roundabout to a point just beyond where the frontage development terminates to the north-west. The speed limit then changes to 40mph to reflect the change in road character to a more open aspect. It then returns to 30mph where frontage development again commences

The 30mph signing from this latter approach is highlighted with a length of 'Dragon's Teeth' road markings and a speed limit roundel on the carriageway adjacent to the road signs to create a "gateway" effect into the 30mph zone. This section of road is then subject to a system of traffic calming by means of road humps.

It is noted that mention is made of the road humps being ineffective by one of your constituents whilst another mentions a 'thud' to their property when a large vehicle passes over the one nearest to their property. This reflects one of the difficulties in introducing such schemes though it can be confirmed that all these features have been installed and constructed very carefully in accordance with national guidance and regulations.

In terms of highway intervention measures, national research indicates that road humps are the most effective means of reducing vehicle speeds which is a major contributory factor in reducing the severity of collisions. The collision history of this stretch of road does reflect this which seems to indicate that the existing traffic calming measures are achieving their aim.

In considering the provision of additional traffic calming measures, as you will appreciate, Derbyshire County Council receive many requests for safety measures and highway improvements from across the County. The sheer number of requests far outweighs the resources available. Given this demand, a system of prioritisation must be employed using information, including the number and severity of collisions. This helps ensure that the resources available are firstly used in those locations where there is the greatest need and where most benefits can be achieved.

The limited funds that are available must therefore predominantly be directed to those locations where there is a history of reported injury collisions and where a highway improvement scheme can effectively reduce the number of injury collisions. The use of identifiable known hard facts and figures provides a robust basis and justification for the expenditure of the funds that are available.

Due to the good injury collision history along this route and the presence of an existing traffic calming scheme, no further measures could be justified at present.

On a more positive note, general speeding concerns can be made to CREST (Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team) who are part of the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership via their website here:

<https://www.crestderbyshire.org/>

This website provides an opportunity for people to report their speeding concerns for the consideration of enforcement. The site is also a useful tool in providing supplementary information relating to speed cameras and enforcement.

This link enables residents to make direct contact so as to avoid the issues surrounding the permissions required with passing personal details due to associated Information Governance Regulations.

In terms of the weight restriction on Nethermoor Road being contravened as mentioned by one of your constituents, Derbyshire County Council's Trading Standards team can take action in respect of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) illegally using weight-restricted roads and bridges across the county. Information relating to this along with access to our weight restriction monitoring form can be found on our website here:

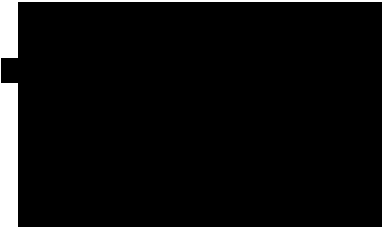
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/weight-restrictions/weight-restrictions.aspx>

The form enables incident details to be logged in terms of dates and times, vehicle registration, location and operator details (along with customer details) to assist our Trading Standards officers in pursuing action.

In conclusion, whilst I appreciate my response may be a disappointment to your constituents, I hope this information is of some assistance and that I have been able to clarify how we approach requests of the type you make and also how we ensure we direct our limited resources to addressing locations having an evidenced personal injury accident history.

If you require any further information or clarification regarding the details of this letter, please contact [REDACTED] directly by email: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Principal Engineer
Traffic & Safety