



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL THREE 8 SEPTEMBER 2004

Report of Report of the Assistant Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

Petition Requesting The Installation Of Yellow Flashing Lights On Portland Street To Alert Motorists To The School Crossing Patrol

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 To reject a request to install yellow flashing lights on Portland Street.
- 1.2 To continue to monitor the School Crossing Patrol site through the established risk assessment process for all School Crossing Patrol Sites.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 On 24 March 2004 a petition of 62 signatures was received requesting the installation of yellow flashing lights to alert motorists on Portland Street that a School Crossing Patrol operates on this road.
- 2.2 There have been no reported injury accidents at this location at school crossing Patrol operating times during the last three years.
- 2.3 Highways regulations say that flashing yellow warning lights should only be used where there are high speeds or on an exceptionally busy road.
- 2.4 Speed readings were taken on 24 April 2004, and showed the average speed to be well below the 30 mph speed limit.
- 2.5 Although the road is regularly trafficked, there are sufficient gaps in the traffic allowing the School Crossing Patrol to cross pedestrians.
- 2.6 This location does not meet the criteria for flashing yellow warning lights.
- 2.7 The road safety record in this area is very good, with the Road Safety and TravelWise Team regularly visiting nearby schools to deliver pedestrian skills training and other relevant road safety training.
- 2.8 The government has introduced a number of initiatives to reduce car usage on school journeys and congestion around schools, particularly the School Travel Plan initiative. These initiatives are available to all schools through consultation with the Road Safety and TravelWise Team.

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