



Petition requesting investigation of accidents and vehicle speeds - Hedingham Way, Mickleover

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition was submitted to Area Panel on 26 July 2007, containing nine signatures from residents of Hedingham Way, Mickleover.
- 1.2 The petitioners have expressed concern at the volume of traffic that drives in excess of the speed limit on their street. The petition also states that within the past two years at least five accidents have occurred resulting in vehicles coming to rest in front gardens, colliding with property and also street lighting. The main concerns relate to vehicles travelling along Hedingham Way from the direction of the Hollow towards Etwall Road. The petitioners ask that long-term solutions be investigated to address these concerns.
- 1.3 Derbyshire Constabulary's Database of recorded personal injury accidents shows no accidents on the entire length of Hedingham Way for the last three years. However Derbyshire Constabulary's Traffic Management Constable advises that a number of non-injury collisions have been attended to by officers but the Constabulary's database only records incidents that have involved personal injury.
- 1.4 Speeding concerns have previously been raised with Derbyshire Constabulary, as a result of which a joint site inspection was carried out with officers of the City Council and the Constabulary in attendance. As a result of this site visit, speed surveys had been requested by the police.
- 1.5 Speed surveys conducted by the City Council over a 3-week period between 1 August 2007 and 17 August 2007, show that over a 24-hour period the mean average speed northbound on Hedingham Way was 29.9mph, and the mean average speed southbound on Hedingham Way was 28.2.
- 1.6 Derbyshire Constabulary have confirmed that these speeds are below the guidelines set by the Association of Chief Police Officers, for camera enforcement.
- 1.7 It would be possible to consider putting in road humps as set out in the recommendations 2.1 and 2.2.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It would be possible to implement two road humps, one either side of the bend in Hedingham Way. Road humps are most effective in controlling vehicle speeds, and would be likely to reduce existing vehicle speeds over this localised length of the street. This scheme can be recommended for inclusion in the 2008/9 work programme subject to the Neighbourhood Forum/Board /Area Panel agreeing it is a priority.
- 2.2 Traffic calming can be a controversial subject and it would be necessary to demonstrate widespread support before any such measures were introduced.
- 2.3 The lead petitioner is informed of the above findings and any proposed actions agreed by the Neighbourhood Forum/Board/Area Panel meeting.

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Background papers:	Correspondence held on Area Panel 4 file in Traffic Management Office
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