

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 18th September 2006

SUBJECT: SPEED LIMIT REVIEW (VARIOUS ROADS) - FAVERSHAM

BY: Divisional Manager – Kent Highway Services Mid Kent Division

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report provides detail of the progress made in the review of speed limits at the following locations:

1. A2, Brenley Corner to Love Lane
2. A2, Love Lane to Preston Grove
3. Love Lane, entire length
4. Graveney Road, extension of existing 30 mph speed limit

Decision required

1. A2, Brenley Corner to Love Lane – That Members recommend that no further action is taken in respect of the objection, the order for a 50 mph speed limit is made and the objector is notified accordingly.
 2. Love Lane, entire length – That Members recommend that no further action is taken in respect of reducing the speed limit within the road.
 3. A2, Love Lane to Preston Grove – That Members recommend that the new 30 mph speed limit is implemented.
 4. Graveney Road, extension of existing 30 mph speed limit - That Members recommend that the new 30 mph speed limit is implemented.
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Introduction

1. At a previous meeting of this Board Members recommended that the speed limits along a number of roads within Faversham be reviewed with a view to reducing them. The sites subject to review are:
 - a. A2, Brenley Corner to junction of Love Lane from 60 mph to 50 mph
 - b. A2, junction of Love Lane to junction of Preston Grove from 40 mph to 30 mph.
 - c. Love Lane, its entire length from 40 mph to 30 mph
 - d. Graveney Road, extension of the existing 30 mph speed limit eastwards to Town Council boundary.

Discussion

2. The national guidelines advocate that speed limits would have to be appropriate to the local environment, appear realistic to drivers and be generally self enforcing. These principles were the subject of a report to the meeting of the

Highway Advisory Board on 11th July 2006, details of which are the subject of a separate report to this meeting of the Board. They have been adopted by the County Council and are the basis of our agreement with the Police, the enforcing authority.

A2 Brenley Corner to Love Lane

3. A speed survey within this section of road was carried out recently, which showed general speeds within the mid 50s mph range. This, therefore, was the basis of the proposal to introduce a 50 mph speed limit within this section of road.
4. The local residents were consulted and one objection was received. The objector wishes to see a 40 mph speed limit. It would be difficult to introduce a lower speed limit than 50 mph in what is an open road and therefore a divergence from the speed limit criteria. Members are therefore asked to recommend that no further action is taken in respect of the objector, the order for a 50 mph speed limit is made and the objector notified accordingly.

Love Lane

5. A speed survey was undertaken along Love Lane recently in the vicinity of its junction with Windermere. The recorded 85th percentile speeds at this location were as follows:

North bound – 39.6 mph
South Bound – 41.6 mph

The recorded data show that the speeds in this road are within the band that would not qualify the road for a lower speed limit. Members are asked to recommend that no further action is taken in respect of reducing the speed limit within the road.

A2, Love Lane to Preston Grove

6. This involved reduction of the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph. No objection was received to this proposal and Members are asked to recommend that this speed limit is implemented.

Graveney Road - extension of existing 30 mph speed limit

7. This involved extending the 30 mph speed limit in an easterly direction to the Town Council Boundary. No objection was received to this proposal and Members are asked to recommend that this speed limit is implemented.

Decision required

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