

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 18th December 2006
SUBJECT: Proposed speed limit reduction Conyer Road, Teynham
BY: Divisional Manager – Kent Highway Services Mid Kent Division
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report on the proposal to introduce a lower speed limit in Conyer Road

Decision Required: Members are asked to recommend that no further action is taken in respect of this application and that the applicant is notified accordingly.

Introduction

1. Conyer Road as shown in annexe A is classified the C122 in the inter-urban route hierarchy and is a rural road, running between Teynham and Conyer. The road is subject to the national speed limit from its junction with Osiers Road up to the boundary of the village of Conyer, and subject to a 30mph limit through the Conyer village.

Discussion

2. In December 2005 Teynham Parish Council wrote to KHS concerning high vehicle speeds along the de-restricted section of Conyer Road between Osiers Road and Conyer village. In their letter they were requesting a reduction the speed limit. This request was added to the list of requests for investigation in the 2006/7 investigation programme year.
3. A full investigation was carried out in July 2006 and involved carrying out a speed survey and analysing the personal injury crash record (PIC). A speed survey, using a hand held radar gun, was carried out in the vicinity of Oast Cottage on Wednesday 5th July 2006 during the hours of 12:50 – 13:50. The average speed recorded was 32 mph and the 85%tile speed was 33.27 mph.
4. Analysis of the last three year PIC up to 30 June 2006 revealed that Conyer Road enjoys an excellent safety record with no recorded PICs over this period of time. Given the recorded speed and that no personal injury crashes have occurred along this section of road it would be difficult to argue for funding to introduce a lower speed limit.

Decision required

5. Members are asked to recommend that no further action is taken in respect of this application and that the applicant is notified accordingly.

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Background documents:
Annexe A: plan – Conyer Road