

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 17 March 2008

SUBJECT: WALLBRIDGE LANE , UPCHURCH

BY: Divisional Manager Mid Kent

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report on a petition requesting traffic calming in Wallbridge Lane, Upchurch

Decision Required: For information

Introduction:

1. A petition signed by residents in Wallbridge Lane has been received in which it is claimed that vehicle speeds along Wallbridge Lane (annexe A) exceed the current speed limit of 30 mph and that traffic calming should be installed.

Discussion:

2. A full investigation was carried out in May 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 along Wallbridge Lane on the 12 May 2006. The average speed recorded was 29.9 mph and the 85%tile speed was 30.8 mph as shown in annexe B.
3. Further investigation as a result of this petition was carried out in February 2008. Analysis of the last three and five year PIC up to 31 October 2007 revealed that Wallbridge Lane enjoys an excellent safety record with no recorded PICs over the period of time.
4. The national guidelines advocate that speed limits have to be appropriate to the local environment, appear realistic to drivers and be generally self enforcing. Given the recorded speed and that no personal injury crashes have occurred along this section of road a traffic calming scheme would not receive sufficient priority in the County Council's assessment and prioritisation programme to attract funding.

Recommendation

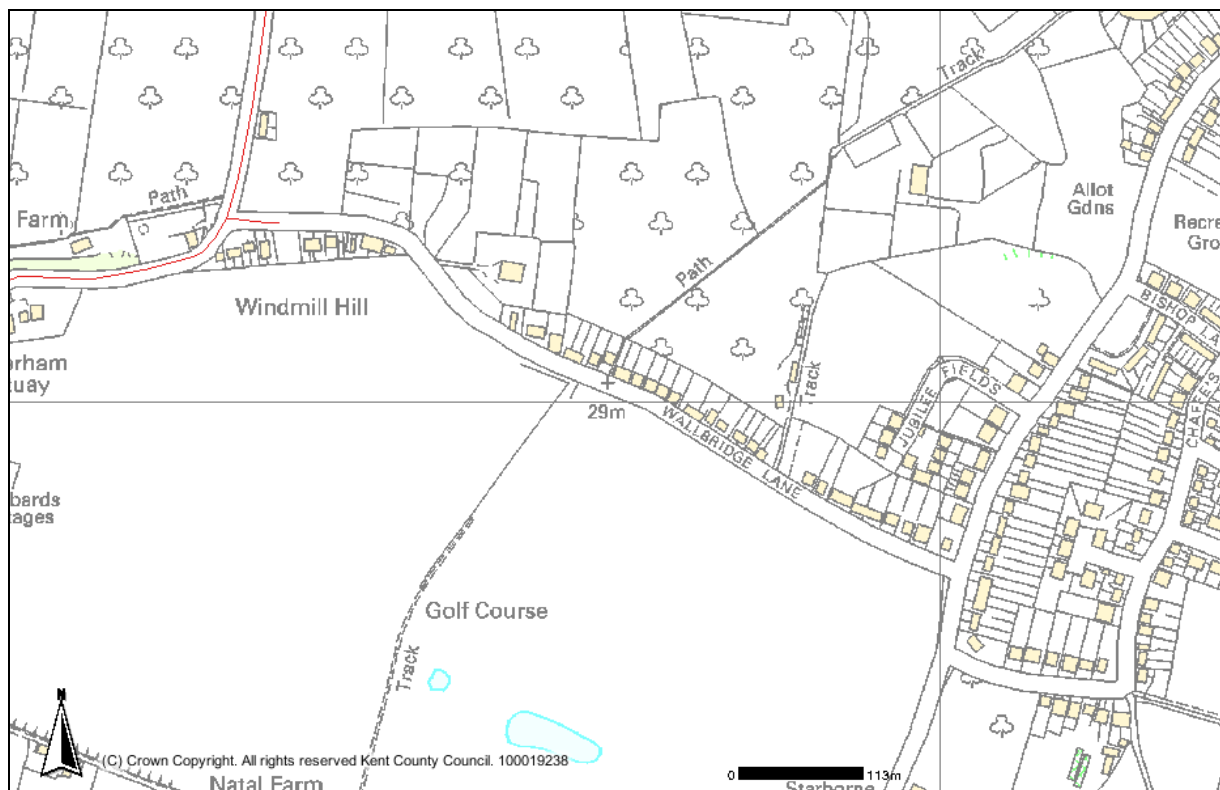
5. Members are asked to recommend that no further action is taken in respect of this request and that the applicant is notified accordingly. The situation will continue to be monitored through the annual crash analysis programme.

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Background documents: Annexe A
Annexe B

Annexe A



Annexe B

Date of survey: Friday 12th May 2006

Time of survey: 13.25 - 14.25

Weather: dry,
sunny

Location: o/s 32 Wallbridge Lane

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