

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Prince Charles Avenue, Minster, Sheppey  
**BY:** Transportation and Development Manager – Swale  
**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** A report on a petition for traffic calming

**Decision Required:** Report to be noted

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### **Introduction**

1. A petition has been received from residents requesting traffic calming along Prince Charles Avenue.

### **Discussion**

2. Any highway improvement has to be submitted for funding through the Council's assessment process. Priority for traffic schemes is normally assessed on whether there is a pattern of personal injury crashes occurring at any particular location and that engineering measures can be devised to try and reduce them.
3. Analysis of the last three year Personal Injury Crash database up to June 2009 records that there has only been 1 slight personal injury. This involved a young driver losing control of the vehicle at night.
4. Traffic calming in the form of road humps and chicanes may not always be the appropriate solution to speeding as they can result in other problems (parking) and complaints (noise & vibration).
5. Consideration also needs to be given to the environment as the deceleration and acceleration of vehicles can add to pollution.
6. Kent Highways will continue to monitor the situation through their annual assessment programme.

### **Decision Required**

Members are requested to note the report.

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