

**To:** Swale Joint Transportation Board

**By:** Head of Transportation, Kent County Council

**Date:** 9 September 2013

**Subject:** Grovehurst Road, Sittingbourne – Proposed 30mph speed limit

**Classification:** For information

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**Summary:** Proposals have been put forward to reduce the speed limit in Grovehurst Road from 40mph to 30mph. No objections have been received and the proposals will now proceed as advertised.

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## **Introduction**

1. Grovehurst Road is the former B2005 that leads into Sittingbourne from the A249 to the north. Upon entering the urban fringe, the road is subject to a 40mph speed limit for 0.5 miles, and then converts to a 30mph speed limit at the junction with Newman Drive.
2. A petition has previously been presented by local people, requesting that the 40mph speed limit be reduced to 30mph. A number of personal injury crashes has been identified along this stretch of road, requiring further investigation.

## **Consultation**

3. This section of Grovehurst Road was assessed against Department of Transport criteria for setting local speed limits (DfT Circular 01/2013), and deemed to be suitable as a potential 30mph speed limit. Subsequent consultation took place with Kent Police, who confirmed that they had no objection in principle to the proposals.
4. Funding was secured for a Casualty Reduction Measure (CRM) scheme from the 2013/14 budget. A Speed Limit Order was advertised and consulted upon in the period between 25 July and 19 August 2013. This included notification in the Kent on Sunday, letters to statutory consultees, and site notices placed along the road and in the newsagents. Local Sittingbourne newspapers were also informed of the consultation.

5. No representations were received, either in support or objection, in response to the proposed speed limit change.

### **Conclusion**

6. No objections have been received during the consultation period. The Speed Limit Order will now be sealed and all necessary signing changes made to introduce the new 30mph speed limit during the financial year 2013/14, at an overall cost of £2,000.

### **Recommendation**

7. It is recommended that Members note the results of the consultation and the contents of this report.
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<b>Background documents: None</b>
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### **Annexes**

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