BADGERS MOUNT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – ROAD SAFETY APPEAL & PETITION

Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board – 12 December 2012

Report of the: KCC Head of Transportation – Tim Read

Status: For Decision

Recommendation: That Members note the receipt of the appeal document and petition.

Background

This report follows receipt of a road safety appeal from the Badgers Mount Residents Association (BMRA) by Roger Gough, KCC Member for Darent Valley on 28th September 2012.

The appeal requests a reduction in the current speed limit for the A224 through Badgers Mount from 60mph to 40mph together with additional safety measures on both A224 and Old London Road.

Attached to this appeal document is a petition, organised by the BMRA and it is entitled "Reduction of Speed Limit on A224 Orpington by Pass to 40mph together with Traffic Calming / Road Safety Measures to both the A224 and Old London Road", it contains 355 locally collected signatures.

Subsequent to the receipt of the report and petition Roger Gough met with Steven Noad in his capacity as Traffic Engineer for Sevenoaks to discuss the way forward.

Neither of the roads in question feature within the latest Crash Remedial Cluster review for Kent Roads, using the previous three years of police STATS19 data, correct to 30th June 2012. However, in view of the fatal accident on the A224 on 24th July these roads will be included in the review process.

Automated traffic surveys have already been commissioned to further understand traffic volumes and speeds for both roads. The results are expected before Christmas but should we experience severe weather it may be necessary to delay the surveys to ensure representative data.

Recommendation

Kent County Council Highways & Transportation request that the Board note the receipt of the appeal document and petition. A further report will be presented at a later date containing recommendations for actions subject to the necessary funding being available.

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