

May 2024 Annual Council Meeting Agenda Item 26.1 - Highways Improvement Plan Supporting Report

Introduction:

A meeting was held on 25th April 2024 with Aylesham Parish Council Officers and KCC Highways. The focus was on the Highways Improvement Plan, specifically concerning Cornwallis Avenue. KCC conducted speed surveys, revealing the potential for speed reduction measures. The favourable outcome suggests a reduction of the speed limit to 20mph and the installation of speed reduction measures.

Options Discussed:

- 75mm High Flat Top Road Humps: Modelled after those implemented in Dorman Avenue South.

Pros: Effective in slowing down all vehicles, including motorbikes.

Cons: Risk of vibration and noise. Possible diversion of traffic to adjacent roads. Drainage infrastructure evaluation required for kerb to kerb humps. Installation necessary along the entire stretch of the road.

- 50-70mm Speed Cushions:

Pros: Cheaper method

Cons: Are not always successful in deterring speed of larger vehicles, or motorbikes, as their wheel span goes around or through the cushions.

Next Steps:

- Officers requested further information be provided.
- **Pricing Evaluation:** KCC Officer tasked with providing cost estimates for both options for further deliberation with Aylesham Parish Council and then at a subsequent meeting with Parish Council Officers and KCC Officers.
- **Community Engagement:** Once further information is received, informal engagement with residents will be necessary to collect feedback on proposed measures. This input will aid in decision-making and ensuring community support.

Additional Matters Discussed

- Speed survey is in place for Dorman Avenue North. KCC Officers will report back at a subsequent meeting.

Conclusion:

The discussion on the Highways Improvement Plan for Cornwallis Avenue highlighted potential measures to enhance road safety. Evaluation of options and community involvement are critical steps in the decision-making process. The forthcoming meeting will delve deeper into the feasibility and implications of the proposed solutions.

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