

Agenda Item No. 4(b)

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS TRANSPORT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**18 April 2019**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION REGARDING ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS - B6062 BUXTON  
ROAD, CHINLEY**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of investigations undertaken following the receipt of a petition requesting measures to improve road safety in the vicinity of Chinley Primary School, Buxton Road, Chinley.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 5 April 2018, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition containing 269 signatures (Minute No. 31/18 refers). A further letter, dated 10 April 2018, containing 119 signatures was acknowledged and reads as follows:

*“We, the undersigned, request that Derbyshire County Council take steps to improve Road Safety in the area of Chinley Primary School and Buxton Road Chinley”.*

Part of the petition was submitted online which contains a background statement reading *“Parking, speeding, poor signage and HGVs make the school run treacherous for 210+ children. Please improve road safety at our school”.*

**Background**

Buxton Road is a ‘B’ class road running through Chinley which links the A624 at Chapel Milton to the A6 at Bridgemont. There is a major works in the Vinyl Plastic Company at Leaden Knowle which is only accessible from the eastern road network due to the low bridges at Buxworth. This applies to all over-height vehicles accessing the Chinley area. The school is located a short distance from the junction with the A624 and fronts directly onto the road. There is a bus service which runs to Chinley on a regular service route. The geometry of the road at this location is winding with a double white line system which restricts stopping or parking. There are also private residences along this section, most of which have off-road parking facilities. The school does have a vehicular access and some on-site parking provision. The access is

protected with yellow “School keep clear” zig-zag markings and yellow hatching to ensure that this is kept clear. An interrogation of the Police’s injury collision database for the latest five year period available to the Council (1 December 2013 to 30 November 2018) shows that there have been no recorded incidents on this section of the B6062 from its junction with A624 to the Alderbrook Day Centre.

### **Officer Comment**

The County Council has strived over the years to make the section of road outside the school as safe as possible. For example, school safety zone signing with flashing amber warning lights has been installed, as well as a double white line system to prevent overtaking. The contravention of the double white line system is a moving traffic offence enforceable by the Police.

This stretch of Buxton Road is subject to a 30mph speed limit, which is also an offence enforceable by the Police. It is felt that if drivers are routinely exceeding the speed limit at this location, the Police should be contacted on the non-emergency number, 101, to enable enforcement action to be considered. The school safety zone signing that has been provided here also advises motorists to drive at a lower speed of 20mph whilst the lights are flashing.

There is little further, in terms of engineering measures, that could be deployed, but the County Council continues to work with schools on developing school travel plans to help to address the issues surrounding school opening and closing times. The school can access road safety advice and resources through Derbyshire County Council’s Road Safety Team.

### **Local Member Comments**

Councillor Alison Fox is aware of the County Council’s position with regard to highway intervention measures and is making every effort to address the issues by local co-operation.

(3) **Financial Considerations**      There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

### **Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision**      No

(5) **Call-in** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on File within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details - Isobel Mulligan, extension 38677.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

7.1 The road safety concerns are brought to the attention of the Police to enable enforcement action to be considered.

7.2 The Local Member and lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

**Mike Ashworth**  
**Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment**