

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

23 December 2014

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION REQUESTING ACTION TO REDUCE SPEEDS – A618
ROTHERHAM ROAD, KILLAMARSH**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of the results of an investigation undertaken following receipt of a petition signed by 180 residents of Rotherham Road and surrounding streets in Killamarsh.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

The receipt of the petition was reported to the Cabinet Member – Jobs, Economy and Transport on 21 October 2014 (Minute No. 153/14 refers). The petitioners request *“that urgent action needs to be taken regarding the excessive speeding of vehicles using Rotherham Road, Killamarsh which will eventually result in a fatal accident”*.

Site Details

The A618 Rotherham Road links Clowne and Killamarsh with Rother Valley Country Park, the eastern edge of Sheffield, and the centre of Rotherham, carrying significant volume of mixed traffic. Mini roundabout junctions with B6058 Sheffield Road to Eckington and Sherwood Road leading to a small residential street have been introduced and these, in conjunction with the presence of parked vehicles, provide a certain amount of natural traffic calming.

Officer Comments

Enquiries have been received in the past from Rotherham Road residents which would indicate that there is a perception that traffic problems exist.

Records show that, from the roundabout junction with Sheffield Road to the County boundary, a distance of 800 metres, there have been three recorded collisions which resulted in slight personal injury. Each one occurred at a different junction and involved a right turn manoeuvre. From Police reports on the circumstances prior to the collision, it is evident that none had a suggestion of inappropriate speed being a factor.

Also, speed readings taken in May 2009 show a good level of compliance with the existing 30mph speed limit. Three separate locations spread along the whole length towards the County boundary showed mean speeds of 25mph, 30mph and 33mph respectively.

Taking these facts into consideration, and bearing in mind that this is a principal road (A618) carrying relatively high levels of through traffic, it would be difficult to justify any further engineering measures at this time. Ultimately, the Police are responsible for enforcing speed limits and, if it is considered that the speed limit is routinely being abused, this will be raised with them to enable enforcement action to be considered.

Local Member Comment

Councillors Charles and Ridgeway have been consulted.

(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 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** Correspondence held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Sue Pollard, extension 38634.

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

7.1 No further action be taken at this time but the situation continues to be monitored.

7.2 Derbyshire Constabulary be informed of the speeding concerns.

7.3 The local Member and petitioners be informed accordingly.

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