

To: Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board
By: KCC Highways, Transportation & Waste
Date: 7th December 2021
Subject: Update on request for a reduction of the national speed limit to 40mph on Shoreham Road, Shoreham
Classification: Information Only

Summary: Kent County Council have produced proposals for a speed limit reduction on Shoreham Road, Shoreham. A meeting is to be scheduled between KCC, Shoreham Parish Council and Eynsford Parish Council to agree next steps.

Update

KCC officers met with representatives from Shoreham Parish Council and with Cllr Irene Roy in December 2020 to discuss proposals for a reduced speed limit.

KCC officers advised that the results of a site investigation did not support the reduction of the existing national speed limit to 40 mph for the full length requested. However, a 40 mph speed limit would be feasible between the 30 mph gateway into Otford and a point just north of the layby opposite the junction with Station Road. The remainder of the requested length from north of the layby to north of the railway bridge would be suitable for a 50 mph speed limit.

Officers have also received a request from the neighbouring parish of Eynsford to extend the proposed 50 mph speed limit up to the 30 mph entry point into Eynsford. Initial investigations indicate that this proposal would be feasible.

Shoreham Parish Council have expressed reservations over the proposed length of the 40 mph speed limit and expressed a desire for the limit to extend further north. KCC officers have assessed this request but would not support the extension of the proposed limit. KCC officers are currently liaising with the parish council to come to a resolution. A joint meeting is to be arranged between KCC officers, Shoreham Parish Council and Eynsford Parish Council with Cllr Roger Gough also in attendance.

Conclusion

This report is for Members' information.

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