

**To:** Maidstone Borough Council  
**By:** Tim Read, Head of Transportation  
**Subject:** Petitions Report  
**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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1. Summary: A report to update the Board on the current status of petitions received by Highways & Transportation (KCC).
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## **Update on Petitions submitted to Kent County Council**

### **Traffic Calming Measures, Heath Road, Coxheath**

2. A petition was submitted in April 2008 by 59 residents, lead by Mr A R Monk of Westerhill Road, Coxheath. It sought action to improve the traffic calming measures installed along Heath Road, Coxheath as the petitioners felt these were dangerous.
3. A number of changes have been carried out to the traffic calming since the submission of this petition and as previously reported KHS had agreed to carry out a review of the safety record in Coxheath, further speed checks and complete the safety audit of the current scheme. This work has been completed and sent to the both the County Councillor and Parish Council. The Parish Council have recently held an exhibition to consult the community of Coxheath on alternative proposals put forward by their independent consultants prior to further discussions with Kent County Council.
4. Arrangements are currently being undertaken by the Cabinet Member in organising a meeting with Coxheath Parish Council to discuss a way forward.

### **Postley Road, Maidstone**

5. A petition has been received from the residents of Postley Road, Maidstone which raises concern over the dangerous and increasingly unacceptable use of the road by buses including speeding. Kent Highway Services have met with the lead petitioner and are investigating the issues raised by the petitioners. KHS are currently arranging a meeting with the local Councillors to discuss a way forward with respect to this petition.
6. The above meeting was held between local Councillors and it has been agreed that Postley Road will be proposed as part of the Speed Reduction pilot project with measures to be implemented to reduce vehicular speed on Postley Road.
7. Designs are currently being made and discussions are ongoing with the County Councillor regarding the scheme.
8. Design has been approved; Kent County Council will now undertake formal consultation regarding the location of Interactive Signs associated with the scheme with the view to advertise the Traffic Order Associated with the works.

9. Consultation has now finished, Kent County Council Officers are liaising with one resident regarding the location of an Interactive Sign to appease concerns. The Experimental Order has been written and advertised allowing officers to install the signage.
10. The works relating to this petition were started the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Boxley Road and Beechen Bank Road**

11. At the a previous meeting of this Board a petition was received requesting a reduction in the speed limit along Boxley Road and Beechen Bank Road. KHS commissioned a speed survey and have now received the results from its consultants and have reviewed the personal injury crash records along Boxley & Beechen Bank Road. KHS are currently arranging a meeting with the local Councillors and Parish Council to discuss a way forward with respect to this petition.
12. A meeting was held between Officers, Boxley Parish Council and Cllr Carter regarding speed limits along the above-mentioned roads. The results of the surveys showed that the existing speed limit could be reduced and Boxley Parish Council is liaising with officers regarding funding for these works.
13. Boxley Parish Council is funding the speed limit reduction on Boxley Road, designs and costs have been approved by Boxley Parish Council. Negotiations are ongoing regarding the delivery of the works.
14. It has been agreed that Kent County Council will deliver the work. The Traffic Order has been drafted and advertised. The consultation period expires on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2012. Officers will provide an oral update on the evening regarding the outcome of the consultation and the next phase.
15. The works relating to this petition were completed in August 2012.

### **New Petitions**

#### **A274 Sutton Valence Speed Limit Reduction**

16. A petition was submitted in September 2012 by Sutton Valence Parish Council with over 250 signatures requesting an extension of the 30mph limit on the A274 North to Five Wents crossroads. Kent County Council has acknowledged this petition and will be investigating this further.

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