

SUBJECT: CONCERNS ABOUT VEHICLE SPEEDS KYMIN ROAD WYESHAM

MEETING: CENTRAL MONMOUTHSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 28nd September 2016

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: CENTRAL MONMOUTHSHIRE WARDS

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1. PURPOSE:

To report and update members of the Central Monmouth Area Committee following concerns raised by residents of Kymin Road, Wyesham about inappropriate vehicular speeds and their request for Monmouthshire CC to consider and install speed reduction measures.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That members note the petition and letter received and that based upon the results of the traffic surveys and officers' assessment that no further action be considered at both Kymin Road and the junction of Kymin Road with the A4136.

3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES:

The council has previously received a letter from Nick Ramsay AM enclosing a copy of a petition and letter sent to him by several residents of Kymin Road. The petition was signed by 14 residents of 9 properties situated along Kymin Road.

Kymin Road is a relatively narrow minor class highway with interspersed residential properties in a semi-rural environment. It is a cul de sac with the tourist attraction of the Naval Temple situated at its eastern end.

Following receipt of the resident's petition, a review has been undertaken and an extensive 7 day automated vehicular speeds and volume survey has been completed. In accordance with criteria in current Welsh Government guidance on setting local speed limits, a 30 mph speed limit could not be supported or considered appropriate in this semi-rural environment.

The vertical and horizontal alignments of Kymin Road in association with its narrowness also assist in naturally constraining vehicular speeds and the results of the automated speed count reaffirms this. A site visit has also been undertaken by officers following receipt of the petition.

In accordance with current welsh government road safety guidance the mean (average) speed is now used for speed related concerns and to assess whether further road safety measures are therefore necessary or appropriate.

The mean speed recorded over a 7 day representative period at location 1 (see location plan below) was 25.79 mph. The mean speed recorded at location 2 (see location plan below) was 22.03 mph. These two loop locations were deliberately positioned on the straight sections of highway and therefore can be taken as being representative and vehicular speeds on the bends along Kymin Road can reasonably be assumed to be lower.

The National Trust have also contacted the council recently regarding Kymin Road (and its junction with the A4136) requesting that the council consider a 30 mph speed limit. As stated above, a 30 mph speed limit would not meet current setting speed limits guidance as the junction of the A4136/Kymin Road is in a rural setting and the guidance states that lower speed limits should not be promoted to address a specific location point issue e.g at a specific junction or bend etc on the highway.

In light of the conclusion of officers' investigations, it is recommend that speed reduction measures are not currently promoted along Kymin Road and that this locality is kept under review.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no resources issues at this moment in time.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

None.

7. CONSULTEES:

The local member for Wyesham Area Committee Members

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

9. AUTHOR:

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10. CONTACT DETAILS:

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Appendix A



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Job Number Client Project Location Site No. Road Start Date 3110-WAL Monmouthshire CC The kymin Monmouthshire N51.80747 W2.68776

2 Kymin Road 20-Apr-16 Direction Combined

2. Kymin Road - N51.80747 W2.68776

1. Kymin Road - N51.80995 W2.69173

Combined

▼ 7 Day Average ▼

Site Speed Limit (mph) 60

85th Percentile Speed Over Speed Limit (%)

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Please respond to:

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Re: Petition from Residents of The Kymin, Monmouth

I am enclosing a copy of a letter and petition received from residents of The Kymin; Monmouth who are clearly very concerned about the speed of traffic using the steep, single lane access to their homes.

Would it be possible to arrange for some kind of speed control to be imposed on this road to improve safety for local residents and visitors alike?

Hook forward to hearing from you as soon as possible and thank you for your help.

Kind regards.

cc. C Clir Mrs Liz Hacket-Pain

1 PETITION Against Speeding TRAFFIC and FOR Speed Control on THE.

Kymin ROAD.

Signed By Kymin RESIDENTS

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