

REGULATORY COMMITTEE
15th MAY 2002

PETITION

Purpose of Report

1. To consider and decide action on a petition.

Details of Petition

2. The following petition has been received since the last meeting of the Committee:-
 - Road Safety in Wingfield
3. Details of the petition, officer comments and recommendation are set out in **Appendix 1** of this report.
4. The petition and any supporting correspondence will be in the **Members' Room** or available from the Director of Corporate Services prior to the meeting.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to consider the petition, along with officer comments, and any address made to Members by the petitioners at the meeting.

Reason for Recommendation

6. It is practice for the Committee to consider Petitions in this standard format.

RICHARD J. LANDER

Director of Environmental Services

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

Petition and accompanying letter.

Environmental impact of the Recommendations contained in this Report:

None.

Organiser: Ms M. Spreadbury, 70 Magdalen Lane, Wingfield

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Comments from Supporting letters	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents in 3 years	Observations	Recommendation
<p>Road Safety in Wingfield.</p> <p>We, the parishioners, are very concerned about road safety in the parish of Wingfield and support the Parish Council's endeavours to address these safety issues following the meeting held on Thursday 5th April 2001 between the Parish Council and Wiltshire County Council's Traffic Services Group.</p> <p>We therefore ask that the speed limit in the village be reduced to 40 mph and the area covered by the present limits be extended, ie southwards to Pomeroy Lodge, northwards to the layby towards Bradford on Avon, and westwards to beyond the bend by the field owned by Richard Vigar. Eastwards to the entrance of the Golf Driving Range a limit is already in situ but should be likewise reduced to 40 mph.</p>	171	Wingfield	<p>Wingfield Parish is served by two very busy main roads, A366 and B3109 which intersect at Wingfield Crossroads. There are continuous accidents at this signal controlled junction. A number of lanes, fields and properties exit onto the roads, most are hidden from traffic view. Cars/lorries travel fast, often above the 50 mph limit and frequently overtake, oblivious of hidden exits.</p> <p>Pedestrians, elderly people and children are close to speeding traffic on the one narrow footway on the B3109 between the crossroads and Church Lane.</p> <p>Mud from lorries driving on the footway has caused pedestrians to walk in the road. The A366 has only a grass verge, except for a short distance, making walking to the school, church and pub a very dangerous experience and impossible for the elderly and mothers with pushchairs and small children.</p> <p>The A366 has a very sharp bend where, in the last 12 months, 22 vehicles have left the road causing extreme inconvenience for the farmer.</p> <p>In November 2000 the Parish Council was concerned about safety and sent a questionnaire to all parishioners. An analysis of the results led to a meeting between the Parish Council and the County Council.</p> <p>The residents have formed a Safety Campaign Group and after discussions with various agencies, including the Police, decided to raise a Petition which 89.47% of the residents have signed.</p> <p>Parishioners feel their village is being robbed of its character and tranquillity. Their lifestyles are restricted by the difficulties and fears experienced in walking around the village.</p>	50 mph	Not available	<p>A Local Safety Scheme will shortly be carried out at the bend east of Wingfield Crossroads on the A366 involving improvements to the signing following resurfacing work.</p> <p>A scheme for a length of footway on the B3109 between Chapel Lane and School Lane was included in the schemes approved by the Committee for funding from the Local Transport Plan allocation for Western Wiltshire in 2002-03.</p> <p>The lowering of the 50 mph limit on the B3109 at Wingfield was included in the 2002 Annual Speed Limit Review. It was not included in the speed restrictions agreed for implementation in 2002-03. The decision not to undertake an extensive programme of new speed limits was influenced by advice from Government that revised national guidance on the setting of speed limits is expected within 6-12 months.</p> <p>Wingfield, together with the other outstanding speed limit requests, will be assessed against the new Government guidance when issued, and the results reported in the 2003 Annual Review.</p> <p>It has been noted that a lowering of the 50 mph limit on the A366 is also requested, together with extensions to the limits on the B3109 and A366.</p>	<p>That:-</p> <p>(i) It be noted that a Local Safety Scheme will shortly be implemented at the bend east of Wingfield Crossroads on the A366.</p> <p>(ii) It be noted that a new section of footway is proposed in 2002-03 between Chapel Lane and School Lane on the B3109.</p> <p>(iii) Alterations to the speed limit on the A366 and B3109 at Wingfield be assessed against the revised speed limit guidance from Government for inclusion in the 2003 Annual Speed Limit Review.</p> <p>(iv) The petitioners be advised accordingly.</p>