

**PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 APRIL 2017 AGENDA ITEM 9.1**

**CHESHIRE EAST – SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

**EMAIL FROM CHESHIRE EAST**

Dear Clerk

In the past, many highway Authorities have set speed limits unrealistically low, creating a culture where many speed limits are often ignored. Speed limits that are too low for the road conditions create enforcement problems for the police, and have little or no effect on average vehicle speeds.

As a consequence of this, the Department for Transport (DfT) issued the document *Setting Local Speed Limits* to provide guidance to Highway Authorities on the process for setting a speed limit, and to ensure consistency throughout the country.

Cheshire East Highways now follows the assessment process in *Setting Local Speed Limits*, and the Cheshire East Council *Speed Management Strategy*, a copy of which is attached for your information.

Any requests for a reduction in an existing speed limit is based not because there is a “perceived” problem, anecdotal reports of “near misses” or a belief that the location is “an accident waiting to happen”, but based on valid data, such as the injury collision history and existing average speeds.

The tables on page 5 and 6 of the attached strategy indicate the appropriate speed limits that can be considered if the data indicates a reduction in the speed limit may be appropriate.

Sent on behalf of Cheshire East Highways

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