

## REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### AGENDA ITEM 9.4 REQUEST FOR SPEED SURVEY ON PICKMERE LANE

#### 1 Report

- 1.1 As Council requested, CEC were asked if they would carry out a speed survey for vehicles on Pickmere Lane following a request from a member of the public that the 30mph limit should be extended further out of the village.
- 1.2 CEC have responded as follows:

*Thank you for your email dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 regarding Pickmere Lane, Pickmere.*

*We note your concerns regarding speeding, the Council have no powers to prosecute speeding drivers, therefore any concerns of this nature must be reported to the police. The police should be able to provide you with their available options for speed enforcement to identify whether or not there is an issue at this location.*

*Concerns relating to speeding can be reported by submitting an online form using the following link: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/speeding/> or by telephoning 101 for non-emergency calls.*

*If following enforcement the police feel speed management measures would be beneficial we would work alongside them to identify an appropriate evidence-led measure.*

*We note your request for the 30mph speed limit to be extended. We can advise you that this section of road would not meet the criteria outlined in the Council's Speed Management Strategy for a speed limit reduction to 30mph at present. Full details of the criteria are included in our Speed Management Strategy of September 2016 which was developed in line with guidance outlined by the Department for Transport and can be found on our website through the following link: <http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/highways/speed-management-strategy.pdf>*

*When determining whether engineering measures are required to improve safety or traffic management the council uses the latest available five-year collision data which is provided to us by Cheshire Constabulary. The statistics do not include damage-only collisions or near misses and this is the case country-wide. The latest available five-year injury collision data shows there has been no reported injury collisions at this location.*

*As you will no doubt appreciate, the Council receives an extremely high volume of requests for a variety of measures across the borough and it is not possible to grant*

*each and every request. The Council must be able to reasonably justify all of its expenditure and therefore adopts an evidence-led approach when using public funds, ensuring that action is taken to address proven problems rather than taking preventative measures for perceived or potential problems.*

*The primary purpose of SIDs is to encourage drivers to travel at speeds below the posted speed limit and, although some units are capable of recording data, we no longer collect the data from them as they are not calibrated devices and are therefore an unsuitable method of measuring speeds for our needs. We suggest you contact your local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) who may be able to access police resources to assist with enforcement. They can be contacted via the 'local policing' section of their website here: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk>*

*I trust the above information is of assistance to you.*

*Yours sincerely*

***On behalf of Traffic and Road Safety***

***Cheshire East Highways***

## **2 Recommendation**

2.1 That the response be noted and any action agreed.

**Jack Steel**  
**Clerk to Parish Council**