

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

14th December 2021

AGENDA ITEM 9.7 CEC RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNS and CEC DRAFT SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

1 CEC RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR VILLAGE BOUNDARY SIGNS

- 1.1 Cllr Bold has been in communication with CEC for several months attempting to secure definitive advice and information about the possibility of erecting new village boundary signs on the village's three main road entry points. This process, as with most current dialogues, or attempted dialogues, with CEC has not proved easy.
- 1.2 The following is an emailed response to Cllr Bold from CEC following a conversation between them:

Further to our telephone conversation on Tuesday, I relayed the following information to you that I had received from the Team Leader of the Traffic section. It was understood that your parish proposed to install gateway signs to display the parish name and a 30mph sign. It was thought that including a new 30mph sign on your proposed sign design would have minimal effect on reducing the speed of vehicles as a gateway to the speed reduction is already in place on site to highlight to motorist a change of speed limit to 30mph with countdowns markings (dragons teeth) and 30 mph roundels painted on the highway and yellow backed signs that are clearly visible to motorist. As I explained the police are the only authority that can enforce the speed limit and it would be beneficial if they could attend this location to officially monitor if speed limits are being exceeded.

You explained that you have evidence that vehicles are often passing through the village exceeding the 30 mph speed limit and that the police have asked you to contact us to look for a solution. If you could ask the police to formally contact the Road Safety Team at the following email, RoadSafety@cheshireeasthighways.org the team can decide what measures to take to tackle speeding problems based on evidence submitted.

I hope this information is of assistance to you and can you please confirm that you do not want to proceed further with your application for gateway boundary signs to include 30mph to replace the markings already in place.

Kind Regards.

Technical Officer | Cheshire East Highways

2. CEC DRAFT SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- 2.1 CEC has recently issued the following communication; parts of the draft strategy are particularly relevant to the speeding issues experienced in Pickmere:

At the Highways and Transport Committee on 16/11/21 a resolution was passed to release the draft Cheshire East Speed Management Strategy for Consultation.

The draft Speed Management Strategy sets out a consistent approach to managing speed on the Borough's highway network. We encourage you to follow the below link to the consultation which is now live on the Cheshire East Consultation Page. In addition to the questions asked as part of the consultation, there is the ability to upload a free text document.

<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SpeedManagementStrategyConsultation/>

Paper copies of the consultation will shortly be available in all of the Borough's libraries in order to make the consultation more accessible.

The consultation opens on 1st December 2021 and will close on 31st January 2022. The feedback we receive will be considered when finalising the strategy, which we hope will then be ready for adoption by Summer 2022.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Council notes the communications and considers whether any further action is appropriate in each case.

Jack Steel
Clerk to the Parish Council