

Traffic Issues - St Andrews Road

Report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Committee note that the issues in St Andrews Road will be considered through the Speed Compliance Action Review Forum process.

1. Background/Introduction

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) the local Member has requested that a report be presented to this Committee addressing traffic issues on St Andrews Road Exeter.

A local resident has contacted highway officers, the local Member and MP as he considers there is inappropriate use of this rural route, which is single track in places, as a “cut through” between Exwick and the A377. He suggests the introduction of either traffic calming or closing the road as a through road.

This report focuses on the concerns regarding traffic speeds and safety.

2. Proposal

Devon County Council and Devon and Cornwall Constabulary regularly receive concerns regarding the speed of vehicles outside of homes and other locations. To minimise duplication and to provide a better and more consistent response, the County Council and the Police have developed a joint procedure to allow the concerns to be assessed in a consistent manner called Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF). The team is normally made up of Police representatives, together with County Council road safety highways officers.

In response to concerns about vehicle speeds and volumes using St Andrews Road Cowley the site has been referred to the SCARF Process and will be considered at a meeting which will take place later in the financial year.

When a site has been accepted for SCARF, the collision history of the site is considered and covert speed data for the site is obtained. To obtain the speed data, a detection device is located at the site for approximately 10 – 14 days and records the speed and number of passing vehicles. This process will be undertaken for St Andrews Road shortly.

The collision data for St Andrews Road shows a record of a single slight collision in the past 3 years. In isolation, this data is unlikely to trigger an intervention on safety grounds when prioritised against other locations across the county. However, following recent completion of a combined scheme to provide improved carriageway drainage and a vehicle restraint system above Weircliffe House, the width of St Andrews Road at this location has been reduced and further monitoring of traffic behaviour will be undertaken.

There are a number of potential outcomes from the process. The Forum may decide that no further action is required or, if the data does indicate that a speeding issue exists, will decide what action is necessary. This ranges from education and enforcement through to engineering.

The outcome of this process will be discussed with the local Member.

3. Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications until the recommendations of the SCARF process have been established.

4. Equality Considerations

No new policies are being recommended in this report. No adverse impacts on any particular group are therefore expected.

5. Legal Considerations

The lawful implications of the proposals have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

6. Risk Management Considerations

This proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or actions have been taken/included to safeguard the Council's position.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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