

COMMUNITY CONCERNS OVER TRAFFIC SPEEDS

Vale of Glamorgan Communities

LECKWITH & PENLAN ROAD

Background

- Car ownership and usage appears to be increasing
- Council regularly receives concerns from local residents regarding and road safety issues associated with speeding
- Concerns raised by communities in Llanmaes, East Aberthaw, Wick, Dinas Powys
- The council has limited resources within its traffic team to investigate concerns
- Taking part in WG 20mph pilot in St Brides Major

Council Requirements or Duties

- Statutory duty to under Section 39 of the 1988 Road Traffic Act to ‘take steps both to reduce and prevent accidents’
- Powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984) to set speed limits
- Road safety education as part of Section 39 Road Traffic Act 1988
- Consider all road safety issues raised

Police responsibilities

- Enforce road traffic laws and sole powers to deal with traffic speed
- Speed enforcement is referred to SWP
- Speed camera enforcement is undertaken by GoSafe
- The police are the lead agency for to record and collate collisions

Road Safety Data & Analysis

- The data collected following a collision is referred to Stats 19 data
- The collision data is collected by the police as part of their highway duty
- Data provided to WG for validation and issued to LA's
- The council routinely review the Stats 19 data to comply with its statutory duty

Investigation of speed concerns

- The collision history of a particular road over latest 3-year period
- Refer the public to report concerns over speeding to the police
- Refer the public to request speed enforcement via GoSafe
- Recommend Community Speed Watch
- Traffic calming only considered where significant history of collisions related to speed

Investigation of speed concerns (Cont'd)

- Traffic calming measures can be expensive to introduce
- The Council primarily relies on grants monies from WG
- The Council have already accumulated a significant number of road safety schemes
- It is necessary to prioritise any road safety interventions

Types of speed reduction measures

- Only introduced where there is a demonstrable collision history and safety problem
- The area is considered unsuitable for the type/volume of traffic
- Where required traffic calming must be provided in line with current guidance and legislation
- Public Consultation
- Types of traffic calming; traffic signs, road markings, gateways, chicanes, traffic islands, surface treatments, road humps, speed cushions or speed tables, a review of the speed limit, electronic speed feedback signs

Measure within Llandough

- Penlan Road signed at 20mph
- 3 No. existing driver feedback signs
- Traffic signals / controlled crossings / raised table at Cannon Walk assist in speed control / one-way narrowing at car sales

WG 20 mph default

- Welsh Government default 20mph speed limit on restricted roads
- Legislation passed in the Senedd in July 2022
- Highway authorities can set exceptions to 20mph speed limits
- The Vale's exception mapping to be presented in November
- 20mph implementation 17th September 2023

Summary / Future

- Working towards implementing 20mph September 2023
- Waiting for revised guidance on setting speed limits
- Work with community in dealing with parking issues and minor highway safety issues
- Promote highway safety improvements as part of development works
- Apply for WG Road Safety Grant for funding to implement highway safety schemes
- Sole powers for speed enforcement with Police / GoSafe

- Thank you for listening