

Halesowen Area Committee – 12th November 2008

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Oldnall Road and Mogul Lane – Speed of Traffic

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Area Committee of the traffic situation at Oldnall Road and Mogul Lane and seek their views on further consideration in a future years safety scheme programme.

Background

2. At the Area Committee meeting of the 4th September 2008 members requested that a report be made regarding the issue of excessive traffic speeds on both Oldnall Road and Mogul Lane.

Oldnall Road

3. Various safety measures have been implemented on Oldnall Road. These include Gateway features and a recent lowering of the speed limit from 60 mph to 40 mph with additional road markings and anti-skid road surface treatments.
4. The speed visors located at either end of the rural section of road at the point of entering residential areas have recently been deployed on site for 3 months and data automatically recorded by them indicates that the average speed at entry to the residential areas was 36mph. 61% of traffic was recorded at between 31mph and 40mph and the 85 percentile speed was 43mph.
5. The three year accident record indicates there had been 9 recorded accidents of which 4 were in the hours of darkness, 2 serious and 7 slight. Eight accidents occurred whilst the road was wet. The accident records indicate excessive speed for the conditions was a contributing factor in a number of the accidents
6. All safety schemes are subject to monitoring following implementation; however, at this time it is still too early to assess the impact of the recent changes to the speed limit and surface treatments. Monitoring will be ongoing and any additional improvements consulted with the Committee in due course.

Mogal Lane

7. A Local Safety Scheme, is proposed at the junction of Saltbrook Road/Maypole Fields and is yet to be implemented being in in the reserve list of schemes. A part time speed visor is located on Mogal Lane indicates the average speed of traffic was 31mph. 54% of traffic was recorded at between 31mph and 40mph and the 85 percentile speed was 37mph
- 8 The three year accident record indicates there had been 5 accidents, all slight of which 2 were in the hours of darkness. 4 accidents had occurred at the junction of Saltbrook Road/Maypole Fields. Although It was noted that a number of the accidents resulted from impatient drivers or drivers, "in a hurry", excessive speed was not specifically highlighted as a contributory factor.
- 9 The proposed safety scheme has been designed to address the accident problem at the junction as there does not appear to be a recorded problem other than at the Junction of Saltbrook Road/Maypole Fields; however, further investigation can be undertaken as part of the future years safety scheme programme. Any additional improvements can be evaluated and reported to the Committee in due course

Finance

10. There are .no direct financial implications arising from this report as the implementation of any forthcoming measures would be subject to subsequent approval as part of a future programme of works.

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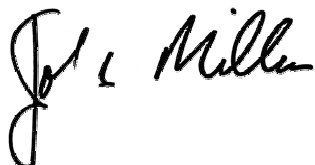
11. The Council carries out its functions to provide, improve and maintain highways under Sections 24, 41 and 62 of the Highways Act 1980 and exercises traffic regulatory powers under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
12. The Council has a statutory responsibility for the promotion of road safety measures to reduce the number and severity of road accident casualties under the provision of the Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988
- 13 The enforcement of moving traffic offences, including speed restriction orders, on the highway is the responsibility of the Police authorities.
14. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive to or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

Equality Impact

15. The proposals contained in this report comply with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy whilst also seeking to introduce measures that will be of direct benefit to children and some of the most vulnerable road users in the community.

Recommendation

- 16 That the Area Committee notes the situation and existing measures to improve the safety record of the Oldnall Road and Mogul Lane and recommends that the Cabinet Member for Transportation subject to funding include the roads for further consideration in the future year's safety scheme programme.



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List of Background Papers

None.