

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)  
To  
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet  
Committee**  
On  
**9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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**Petition for Action on Excessive Speeds, Wells Avenue**  
**Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox**  
***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition from residents of Wells Avenue requesting action on excessive speeds travelled in the road.

## **2. Recommendation**

**That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:**

- a) Thank the petitioner for taking the time to compile the petition, and;**  
**b) Agree to take no further action.**

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Wells Avenue is a residential street situated near to Southend Airport; the road is approximately 530 metres in length with a carriageway width of less than 7 metres.
- 3.2 Parking is currently unrestricted with vehicles regularly parked on street. The majority of the properties feature off street parking.
- 3.3 Concerns of excessive speeds were raised via the ward Member and in response; monitoring equipment was installed in the road on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and removed on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. The equipment monitors all activity and records;
- Speed of vehicles
  - Numbers of vehicles
  - Lengths of vehicles

- 3.4 The results of the monitoring activity show that average speeds in the road are 21mph with 43 (1.7%) of the 2528 vehicles recorded travelling over 35mph.
- 3.5 No personal injury accidents have been recorded.
- 3.6 As the high majority of vehicles are travelling at fairly low speeds with no recorded accidents, no action is appropriate.
- 3.7 In accordance with the agreed recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee, In Depth Report, no action is to be taken with regard to reducing speed limits in the short term.

#### **4. Other Options**

- 4.1 Given the very low numbers of vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit, action is not appropriate. Future proposals may result in area wide speed reductions, but at this time, enforcement action is the only available option which is not a power which the local authority hold with the Police being responsible for this action.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 To reflect the low incidence of excessive speeds evidenced.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

##### *6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.*

- 6.1.1 While no action is recommended in this street, the monitoring of speed and accident information contributes to a Safe and Healthy Southend.

##### *6.2 Financial Implications*

None.

##### *6.3 Legal Implications*

None.

##### *6.4 People Implications*

None.

##### *6.5 Property Implications*

None.

##### *6.6 Consultation*

None.

6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

None.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

None.

6.9 *Value for Money*

None.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

None as no safety issues are evident.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

None.

**7. Background Papers**

None.

**8. Appendices**

None.