

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and
the Environment

to

Traffic and Parking Working Party

on

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Agenda
Item No.

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Information Item – Cockerhurst Roundabout

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Flewitt
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

To advise the Traffic and Parking Working Party of concerns raised by a ward Member regarding the above site and action to date.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party note the item.

3. Background

- 3.1 A ward member expressed concern relating to possible accidents at this roundabout potentially relating to a lack of visibility for vehicles approaching the roundabout from Snakes Lane and not being aware of vehicles approaching the roundabout from Whitehouse Road.
- 3.2 Accident data shows 4 accidents have occurred since 2003, the latest in May 2008 resulting in slight injury, 1 accident has been disregarded as the driver was under the influence of alcohol and it is highly likely that the cause of the accident was related to impaired judgement rather than an environmental factor.
- 3.3 Of the remaining 4 accidents, none involve collisions between vehicles travelling on Whitehouse Road and Snakes Lane. Whilst it is accepted that visibility is a concern at this location, the concern is not evidenced in the accident report data. It is likely that drivers using these approaches recognise the impeded visibility and reduce speed accordingly.
- 3.4 The 4 accidents all involve westbound vehicles approaching the roundabout from Eastwoodbury Lane, 3 accidents occurred during rain therefore it is considered possible that the road surface along with inappropriate speeds for the road conditions are the cause of the accidents.

- 3.5 This location was highlighted as a potential accident remedial site and planned surfacing works were undertaken earlier this year. This action will increase the skid resistance of the road surface and prevent further similar accidents involving a wet road surface.
- 3.6 It is considered that these works will improve the safety of the junction. At this time, no further works are deemed necessary.