

## Southend on Sea Borough Council

### Department for Place – Analysis of Members Request

Earls Hall School Area

20mph speed limit request

#### Background

Speed monitoring equipment was installed in the streets below for a period of 7 to 10 days in each location. The equipment continuously monitors all traffic movements and the average speeds of vehicles is provided against each street.

Street	Average speeds
Colemans Avenue	22mph
Fairview Drive	14mph
Henley Crescent	16mph
Midhurst Avenue	21mph
Richmond Avenue	21mph
Rochester Drive	24mph

As shown, the average speeds in each street are fairly low.

There have been four collisions in the past three years resulting in slight injury casualties.

#### **June 2016 16:12**

Colemans Avenue outside the school – Two cars rear shunt, Vehicle 2 slowed to turn into school car park and failed to judge path/speed of other vehicle

Contributory factor: Careless/Reckless (Driver)

#### **July 2016 15:30**

Midhurst Avenue junction with Hobbeythick Lane - Car/pedestrian, car turning at junction

Contributory Factor: Failed to look (Driver)

#### **July 2015 13:00**

Rochester Drive 100m south of A127 – Car/Cyclist, car reversing off drive

Contributory Factor: Failed to look (Driver)

## Appendix 2 Members Request List

### **July 2014 19:15**

Richmond Drive junction with Fairview Drive – Moped only, skidded on mud possibly left by gas works, possible oil as well

Contributory Factor: Road Environment – oil/mud

### **Recommendation**

In accordance with the decision taken by the Place Scrutiny Committee following an in-depth study into potential speed limit reductions in residential areas, no action is being on this issue is being undertaken until the Department for Transport have concluded their own review on nationally applied speed limits in residential areas. These results were expected in 2017, but is now expected by June 2018.

Exceptions to this Policy include locations where three or more accidents have occurred and speed if considered to be a contributory factor to the cause of the accidents. As shown in the information provided, four accidents have occurred in the area within a three year period however, no accidents related to speed have been recorded and three of the four accidents have been attributed to driver error.

We are actively recruiting Community Speed Watch (CSW) volunteers to help run sessions throughout the borough to record and report speeding vehicles. The coordination of CSW volunteers is now managed by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and more information about becoming a volunteer can be obtained by emailing [community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk)

Should residents have concerns, it may be helpful to pass this information to them to try and recruit volunteers willing to participate in this area.