

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Aea Forum

Title: Request for Speed Restrictions in Swan Bottom, The Lee
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Summary

A petition has been received from The Lee Parish Council on behalf of the Napier family requesting measures be adopted to reduce the speed of vehicles driving through Swan Bottom, proposing that the speed limit be reduced from 40 to 30 and that further traffic calming measures be introduced to ensure the reduction in Speed. The Lee formed part of Area 2 of the County Councils, county wide review of speed limits. The recommendations of this review for Area 2 were accepted and implemented in 2005, and this included reducing the speed limit in Swan Bottom from the national speed limit of 60mph for this class of road to 40 mph This is in keeping with The recommendation for 30 mph speed limits is that they are usually on urban roads or in rural villages, where there are 20 or more houses with a density of 3 houses per 100 metres. A follow up review was carried out in 2008 and the changes that were approved from this review were implemented in 2009.

Recommendation

As some areas of the County are still awaiting the initial review of their speed limits, and Area 2 has already been reviewed twice, no further action be taken at this time but the request remain on file with the review team for when the next currently unscheduled review of area 2 takes place .As a rural unlit road, Swan Bottom would not be considered appropriate for any formal engineered traffic calming. As a first measure to educate motorists and reduce speeds, the Parish could pay for Temporary Speed Indicator Devices to be deployed at suitable agreed locations on existing highway posts, and should contact the Local Area Technician to discuss further.

