

Committee: Planning, Highways and Transport

Date: 2 August 2022

Title: Request for traffic calming Measures

Purpose of Report

To consider a request for Traffic Calming Measures on Whaites Drive

Recommendation:

Members resolve to authorise officers to contact Highways to establish what calming measures might be implemented along Whaites Drive

Background:

1. A letter has been received in the office from the Managing Director of Daido and representative of the residents on Whaites drive expressing concern over the speed of traffic using the road.
2. Following receipt of the letter the town clerk spoke with Jacquie Whaites at Daido about some of the concerns and the issues facing users of the road. During the conversation it was recognised that there is a clear onus on residents and drivers to drive and act responsibly in the area.
3. There has been at least one accident on the road and concerns were raised over the safety of children playing on the pavements.
4. The letter has asked that consideration be given to “some form of traffic calming measures, such as a vehicle activated speed sign, road signs and/or road narrowing/chicanes”.
5. As members are aware we have a Speed Indication Device that can be deployed at some point in the near future on Whaites Drive. Daido have indicated that they would work with officers to fund a post should one be required. They may even be willing to purchase a device that can be allocated there.
6. Members may also consider that a 20 MPH speed limit along Whaites Drive be proposed to Highways if the Data from the SID should show it be necessary.

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7. Members may wish to resolve that officers contact Highways to establish what calming measures might be implemented along Whaites Drive and work with Daido and Residents to develop a strategy.

Mark Tredwin
Town clerk
July 2022