

ORIGINATING DIVISION: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - CAPITA

REPORT TO: BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

DATE: 28th July 2016

TITLE: PETITION – KING’S BRIDGE STREET, BLACKBURN

WARD: MEADOWHEAD

COUNCILLORS: Julie Gunn
Keith Murray
Konrad Tapp

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition received regarding speeding on King’s Bridge Street, Blackburn.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A ward councillor forwarded a Traffic Improvement Application (TIA) to the traffic team on the 31st May 2016 from a resident of King’s Bridge Street, requesting that traffic calming measures be introduced on the street. Several residents signed the TIA as a petition in support of the application.

The petition was signed by 12 residents of 10 properties from a total of 24 properties on King’s Bridge Street.

3.0 DETAIL

King’s Bridge Street lies within the Mill Hill 20mph pilot study area. The purpose of this pilot was to assess the effectiveness of an area with a 20mph limit with signage only and no traffic calming as opposed to 20mph zone areas which are self enforcing through the introduction of traffic calming.

In general over the time of the study the average speed within the area reduced from 24.3mph to 21.9mph – a reduction of 2.4mph. In the same period the 85th percentile speed (the speed below which 85% of the traffic drives) reduced from 29.6mph to 25.8mph – a reduction 3.4mph.

There is a very limited budget for the introduction of accident reduction/traffic calming measures and as such it is targeted to areas with existing high injury accident records. There are no injury accidents recorded in this area and whilst the average speed and the 85thile speeds are above the legal limit of 20mph, they are not far enough above to warrant introducing expensive traffic calming measures. Also with average speeds such as these they would not fall within the criteria whereby the police would consider enforcement.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Customer	None
Financial	None
Anti-poverty	None
Crime and Disorder	None

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- the Committee support the officer recommendations that King's Bridge Street does not currently meet the criteria for the introduction of traffic calming measures
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS: TIA/Petition

7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS: George Bell

8.0 DATE PREPARED: 19th July 2016