

Item 7a - 8/1/20
Development
Meeting

assistanttownclerk@todmorden-tc.gov.uk

From: memberhighwayenquiries <memberhighwayenquiries@calderdale.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 December 2019 12:11
To: 'assistanttownclerk@todmorden-tc.gov.uk'
Subject: Ref: SR 347515 - Bend Near Vale Baptist Church, Cornholme

Dear Susan

We have looked at the suggestions regarding any reduction in the speed limit to 20mph, the provision of hard traffic calming, and the provision of a pedestrian crossing. We have asked for the advice from our traffic engineers.

Unfortunately we cannot provide a pedestrian crossing in this location. In addition to there not being a footway/pavement, the pedestrian/vehicle inter-visibility is substandard and would not meet the criteria contained within the Department for Transport's Manual For Streets. Neither unfortunately, is the road wide enough at this point for a pedestrian refuge/island.

The nature and use of the A646 and the road layout at this location would also prohibit the installation of speed cushions or other hard traffic calming measures. It is the traffic engineer's opinion that a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph would not be successful in reducing traffic speeds given the road layout. 20mph speed limits enforced by signs alone would be most appropriate where traffic speeds are already low (24mph or below) and traffic calming measures are not needed. However, regard must be given to the 'before' speeds, because the higher they are, the less likely it is that speeds could be reduced to 20mph. In considering the reduction of a speed limit it is also important to consider that the form of speed limit chosen does not require unreasonable levels of enforcement by the police. Taking this into account a 20mph speed limit is unlikely to be effective at this location.

The issue regarding sight lines being impeded by side growth from The Manse have been referred to the Highways Enforcement officer for them to be cut back. We will also inform the Neighbourhood Police Team of your concerns regarding traffic speeds and request appropriate enforcement.

Kind regards
Ian

Ian Turner
Road Safety Officer
Regeneration and Strategy
Strategic Infrastructure
Mulcture House
Halifax
HX1 1SP

Street Care 01422 288002
highwaysandengineering@calderdale.gov.uk
