

Hednesford Community Forum

Responses from Mark Keeling, Staffordshire County Council

Item 11

I believe this is a development / car park non - Highway issue. We have been asked by a member of the public to consider changing the restriction time on Market Street Hednesford however this request is yet to go to Committee.

Item 13

(In conjunction with the Police reply)The County Council has previously received a request from the local community to investigate the issues with speeding on Cannock Wood Street and this issue has therefore already been recorded on the Divisional Highway Programme to be discussed with the local County Councillor.

Cannock Wood Street is long and straight with high visibility which may lead to drivers travelling at a higher speed than the posted limit which is 30mph.

In order to "educate" drivers we allocated a "speed indication device" to this area in order to "remind" drivers of the speed they are driving, we feel this unit does make a difference in the community however I understand that the device is not a permanent feature and the unit moves around other various locations identified in the Cannock area.

Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership aims to make the roads of Staffordshire safer by coordinating engineering, enforcement, and education solutions at locally identified areas of concern and further investigation has been requested at this particular site.

Item 14

I was unaware of any reported issues at this location until now, however In terms of signing we cannot provide Highway signage to a private business and it may be that KFC have to consider if the signage they have on private land is adequate. Drivers also have a responsibility to drive with due care.

I have since carried out a site visit and the entrance to KFC is quite wide, I think as per my previous comments the majority of drivers seem to locate the access however understand that some drivers will make the mistake, however, I suggest we monitor how things go as the site is quite new.

I have been out and had a look at the access from the direction which was suggested, and as its approached it looks like there is an access until you get closer.

It may be of benefit for the land owner or KFC to provide an earth bund across the old access to make it more clear.

Item 15

Enforcement is still ongoing with the use of the Mobile Enforcement camera team, we have discussed changing the speed limit to 40mph in the industrial section and creating a 30mph gateway feature as you approach the residential side, however no consultation has taken place with residents to date.