
Dumpton Park Drive, Thanet – Petition for Traffic Calming Measures

To: **Thanet Joint Transportation Board, 12 September 2024**

Main Portfolio Area: **KCC – Growth Environment and Transport**

By: **Director of Highways and Transportation**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Sir Moses Montefiore/Viking Wards** Division: **Ramsgate & Broadstairs**

Summary: This information report provides an update regarding the petition received requesting traffic calming on the entirety of Dumpton Park Drive, Ramsgate and Broadstairs

For Information

1. Introduction and Background

1.1 Dumpton Park Drive spans between both Ramsgate and Broadstairs and has a posted speed limit of 30mph for the whole length. It is an unclassified road mostly residential with two schools and a doctors' surgery. There is also a small shopping outlet at the southern end next to the doctors' surgery. This is a distributor road leading to various local destinations such as the seafront, King George VI Memorial Park, Ramsgate Garden Centre and other local amenities and is a well-used road linking Ramsgate and Broadstairs. It is a single carriageway with pedestrian refuges in various locations throughout and there is on street parking. On 1 October 2023 a crash occurred on Dumpton Park Drive, Broadstairs where the front seat passenger, a young male, sadly lost his life as a result of injuries sustained. Following this a petition has been instigated by the mother of the deceased requesting Kent County Council implement effective speed calming measures on Dumpton Park Drive.

1.2 The petition had received 1,922 signatures on the date of submission to Neil Baker on 23 May 2024.

2. Collision History

2.1 Each year Kent County Council run a cluster site analysis. This process identifies any 'collision hotspots' on the KCC maintained network. Cluster sites which involve 6 collisions within an initial 50m diameter for urban roads (speed limit <=40mph) or 4 collisions with an initial 50m diameter for rural roads (speed limit >40mph). This location has not been identified as a crash cluster site over the last 10 year period.

2.2 There have been four collisions recorded over the last three years up to 31.03.24 and these are detailed below along with the contributory factors (police assigned):

- 30.09.21 **Slight**
 - Junction overshoot
 - Failed to look properly

- 14.01.22 **Fatal**
 - Car entering road from pavement
 - Failed to look properly

- 08.09.23 **Slight**
 Poor turning or manoeuvre
 Loss of control
 Nervous/uncertain

- 01.10.23 **Fatal**
 Exceeding speed limit
 Loss of control
 Inexperienced driver

3. Results of Assessment

- 3.1 Following the October 2023 fatal injury collision on Dumpton Park Drive and as part of Kent County Council's 'Post Collision Response', the location and casualty severity details of the incident were discussed at the partnership meeting and review of fatal and very serious incidents across Kent and Medway.
- 3.2 Kent Police have not highlighted any concerns regarding the road layout, and their investigations regarding the collision are ongoing. As a result, it would not be appropriate for KCC to comment on details of the crash at this time.
- 3.3 Following the collision KCC installed a new bend warning sign accompanied with a SLOW road marking along with black and white verge marker bollards with red and white reflectors to highlight the bend to road users.
- 3.4 Speed surveys were carried out in September 2023 on Dumpton Park Drive, Ramsgate in two locations (one near Holiday Trinity Church of England School and one near the junction of Wickham Avenue). The recorded average speeds were 30mph and 32.5mph. The results of these surveys have been passed onto Kent Police for their information and enforcement action.

4. For Recommendation

It is recommended that KCC's Road Safety and Active Travel Team continue to monitor and assess collisions in Dumpton Park Drive.

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