

Progress Report on Reducing the Speed Limit on the following roads: Sandy Lane (Chester Lane) Aldford Rd

To be presented at November 2018 Parish Council Meeting

CONTEXT

The Parish Council have been investigating ways to introduce speed measures in Huntington, specifically Chester Road and the site surrounding the new school (Rake Roundabout) and also Aldford Rd. We invited Kay Parry to visit the sites and discuss ideas that had been put forward by Cllrs at the June 2018 Parish Council meeting

Following much discussion with CW&C, Cllrs resolved, at the PC meeting in October (please also see minutes of the October 2018 meeting), to formally ask CW&C for an assessment to be carried out on both Aldford Rd and Chester Lane (Sandy Lane).

WHERE ARE WE UP TO NOW?

Chester Lane (Sandy Lane) – At the same time that we were asking for an assessment, Saughton and Aldford PC had also asked for an assessment on Sandy Lane within their parish. CW&C have assessed the entire section of road and have said that the entire section of Chester Lane can be reduced to 50 mph (BUT NOT 40 mph as does not meet criteria). Saughton and Aldford PC will incur 50% costs to reduce the speed limit for their stretch of the road and we have agreed to pay approx. £50 to reduce our stretch of road. CW&C have agreed to pay 50% of all costs.

Aldford Rd – CW&C are willing to carry out assessment and think it will be exactly same scenario as Chester Lane (can be reduced to 50 mph but not 40 mph as does not meet criteria and has to be entire road) BUT say it is unlikely that it would get approved unless Saughton and Aldford PC agree to pay 50% costs for their stretch of Aldford Rd. Saughton and Aldford PC have said they will completely support us in our bid to get it reduced to 50 mph but don't think they can support funding the costs of their section.

COUNCILLOR CONSIDERATIONS?

1. Due to limited deadline imposed by CW&C, Cllrs discussed via email whether we should support Saughton and Aldford PC and incur 50% costs for imposing 50 mph on Sandy Lane (Chester Lane). This needs formal consideration at the November meeting.
2. Cllrs need to consider whether they wish to pursue the assessment (and possible implementation) of introducing 50 mph to Aldford Rd, whilst also remembering that we may have to incur costs for the entire stretch of road from Huntington to Aldford if Saughton and Aldford PC feel unable to help us financially.