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| CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND REGENERATION (JOB SHARE) Councillor Paul Scott | | |
| PQ006-19 | Loraine Gomes | Speed Limit Enforcement |
| CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN GREEN CROYDON Councillor Stuart Collins | | |
| PQ006-19 | Loraine Gomes | Supplementary – Bins & Street Cleaning |

PQ006-19 from Loraine Gomes

To Councillor Scott & Councillor Collins

"A lot of tax payer's money was spent on the new speed limit signs which are usually ignored. Therefore, have you any plans to put in measures to enforce the limits?"

Supplementary:

The new bins are being lined up on pavements, e.g. Sussex Road. Will this affect the street cleaning?"

Reply from Cllr Scott

The 20mph project was introduced to help reduce both the number and severity of road traffic collisions, and was a manifesto pledge by this administration in response to resident's concerns over the speed of traffic on Croydon's roads. I do appreciate the resident's concerns about the level of compliance that the area wide 20mph speed limit is receiving, but it is expected that many motorists will reduce their speed, and that with time, acceptance of this limit will continue to improve. I can also confirm that the Council is monitoring the speed of traffic throughout the areas where 20mph has been introduced and is in close communication with the Metropolitan Police over their enforcement action along with any other measures that may help to encourage compliance and improve driver behaviour. From the surveys taken so far we have seen a reduction in overall traffic speeds and expect this to continue to improve over time.

One measure that we can provide is our Speedvisor units which aim to inform and encourage motorists to reduce their speed, and our automatic number plate recognition systems that provide the evidence of speeding necessary to enable the Metropolitan Police to effectively target their enforcement action.

Another option may be for some monitoring under the 'Road Watch' project. This project uses local resident volunteers, supported by the Police Community Support Officers, to monitor traffic speeds using laser guns and electronic display signs. The information gathered by the teams is then passed on to the Metropolitan Police, to target regular offenders for speed enforcement. The day-to-day management of 'Road Watch' is carried out by the Metropolitan Police's Safer Neighbourhood Teams and they can be contacted on their email address communityroadwatchcroydon@met.police.uk For further information on the Safer Neighbourhood teams, please see their web site at:- <https://www.met.police.uk/> This project has the full support of the Council, who have provided all the necessary speed monitoring equipment to the Police to carry out RoadWatch. Information received back from those areas where RoadWatch has been carried out show that it can be effective in reducing traffic speeds and is therefore strongly recommended for those areas where residents have concerns over the compliance with the speed limit.

Supplementary

Reply from Cllr Collins

In regards to your supplementary question, bins should not be being presented on the pavement and where we are aware of residents doing so, this will be tackled by our Enforcement Team. As part of the rollout process, around 2,000 properties were inspected following residents' concerns about the suitability of the new bins. The majority of these sites were found to be suitable, but Sussex Road has been deemed unsuitable for the new service and we are in the process of removing the bins and residents will be written to to advise them of the alternative arrangements.