



Request

I wish to get some information on MEM018519 from the borough area traffic engineers regarding previous requests for traffic calming measures for Broxton Avenue, Orrell.

I have been in contact with Councillor Jim Nicholson to discuss the matter and the response he and I received from REDACTED was to refer to MEM018519 for previous decisions on the matter

Response

The Council's previous response to Cllr Nicholson provided under MEM018519 advised as follows:

The Council recently commissioned two automatic traffic count (ATC) speed surveys within this estate, one on Coniston Avenue and one on Mersey Road. These surveys monitored vehicle speeds over a full week period, 24/7. The results of the survey on Coniston Avenue showed an average speed of 20.9mph, and an 85th percentile speed (as used by GM Police) of 25.5mph. The results for Mersey Road showed an average speed of 18.5mph and an 85th percentile speed of 22.6mph. These results indicate that there is not a particular problem with regard to vehicle speeds, and GM Police do not consider the Broxton Avenue estate area to be a particular priority for speed enforcement. Of course, there will always be the occasional speeding vehicle on Coniston Avenue and Broxton Avenue, but that can also be said of most other roads.

The Council would generally only consider introducing the likes of traffic calming measures at locations where there has been a history of road casualties which could potentially be reduced in the future by introducing such engineering measures. The GM Police road casualty records show that there have been no reported injury accidents within the Broxton Avenue estate within the most recent 13 years of validated information, i.e. as far back as the records go. You will appreciate that the Council must prioritise the use of its very limited resources to those locations where the needs are documented and demonstrated to be greatest. The speed survey results and road casualty records show that that is not the case in this instance. The Council has recently undertaken a number of road safety improvements within the local area, including: re-marking the road lining within the Broxton Avenue estate; marking additional 20mph roundels on the carriageway; and improving the "No vehicles – except for access" signing at the entrances to the estate. In view of all of the above considerations, however, we regret that we do not propose to take any additional action at this moment in time.