



Sandyhurst Lane Residents Association



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To: Cllrs. Charlie Simkins & Jim Wedgbury, Kent County Council
cc: Cllrs Larry Krause, Luke Powell & Winston Michael, Ashford Borough Council
Cllr Christine Drury, Westwell PC, Cllr Jason Matthews, BA&E PC

Dear Sirs

Sandyhurst Lane traffic

For many years, Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association has campaigned for improved traffic safety. We have had some success with the introduction of 30 and 40 mph speed limits in parts of the Lane, the latter being achieved in 2005. However, the problems of traffic related safety continue to grow, exacerbated by the growing use of Sandyhurst Lane as a 'rat run' between the A20 and the A251.

We recognise that, before we can ask Kent County Council to invest in, for example, traffic calming measures, we need to establish reliable quantitative data to support our members' perceptions that increasing numbers of vehicles are using the Lane, with many of them travelling at speeds in excess of the statutory limits.

Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council commissioned a short survey, which was conducted on 14 March 2014, in that part of the Lane which falls in their area. However, this was inconclusive, not least because it was conducted at the time when there were extensive road works in the Lane, for the installation of new gas mains.

We are therefore seeking a new traffic survey in Sandyhurst Lane, conducted over a period of several days, to establish profiles for the volume, types of vehicle and speed of traffic using Sandyhurst Lane. We also seek to establish the proportions of traffic which are 'local' and 'through traffic'.

Our purpose in writing to you is to seek your support for this proposed survey, request your help in facilitating a meeting with the appropriate officers within KCC to help us plan and implement a survey that they would accept as credible and finally ask whether you would consider providing part of the necessary funding from the 'Member Highway Fund'.

We do hope we can count on your support and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Tony Bartlett
Chair SLRA