

OVER PEOVER PARISH PLAN

Road Safety Action Group (March 09)

The three main areas of concern that were highlighted by the Parish Plan Questionnaire were road safety on the A50 through the Parish, an extension of the 40mph from the School along Wellbank Lane through Peover Heath and improving the A50 / Stocks Lane Junction. Although nothing has been finalised some progress has been made on each of these issues.

With regard the A50, following some pressure I received an email from Cheshire Highways that states that this road has been recommended for a 50mph limit through most of the Parish but time scales are not yet certain. (i.e. there are higher priorities elsewhere). We are aiming to keep the pressure on by advising Highways each time there is an accident and would ask that any one who sees one or just wants to let their feelings be know to Cheshire Highways contact Mr Rob Cramer on Rob.Cramer@cheshire.gov.uk

We have had no such commitment to a 40mph limit on Well Bank Lane as Highways do not see speeding as much of a problem in this area. They have however committed to undertake a speed traffic assessment / survey in the near future on the Lane and if a speeding problem is found to exist they will take the matter further. We shall see.

The Stocks Lane / A50 junction improvements are less certain. Highways feel they have, over time, improved this junction with in introduction of a rumble strip area to stop speedy filtering on to the main road and white line reinforcements have been carried out on most of the A50 junctions. They have also very recently resurfaced and white lined the area down Stocks Lane from the junction.

On top of this they feel the 'High collision risk route' signs installed last year will also help the general safety on this road.

One thing that I feel may be worth considering is an electronic interactive speed sign near the School. One has recently been installed in Goostrey and it appears to work very well. The theory behind it is quite simple if a car passes whilst speeding the sign alternately flashes a red sad face and the cars speed and once the speed is reduced a smiley green face appears. It is very effective at slowing traffic and I would like to know others views as to weather it is worth pursuing.

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