

Report to	<b>Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment</b>
Date	<b>25 July 2005</b>
Report By	<b>Director of Transport and Environment</b>
Title of Report	<b>Offham Road, Lewes – Petition requesting safety improvements</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To advise the Lead Member of the receipt of a petition and seek approval of the proposed response</b>

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**To advise the petitioners that the County Council is undertaking a study of the entire length of Offham Road with the view to constructing traffic calming measures and improving pedestrian facilities, which will be the subject of public consultation in Spring 2006.**

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**1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1. There are no immediate additional costs arising from this report.

**2. Supporting Information**

2.1 At the County Council meeting on 24 May 2005, Councillor O’Keeffe presented a petition requesting action to improve safety in Offham Road by introducing a 20mph speed limit and by constructing a “green man” crossing. A copy of the petition is available in the Members’ Room.

2.2 Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate, petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and that a spokesperson for the petitioners be invited to address the Committee. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

**3. Comments / Appraisal**

3.1 In February this year consultants were appointed to carry out a study of the stretch of Offham Road between Prince Edwards Road and Fisher Street. The objective of this study was to improve pedestrian facilities in this area, which might include widening the footways, providing traffic calming measures and the construction of a pedestrian crossing near Prince Edwards Road. The study was also to consider safety issues on that section of Offham Road north of Prince Edwards Road. The consultant is still progressing with the design and proposals are anticipated later in the year. It is anticipated that these proposals will be the subject of public consultation in Spring 2006.

**4. Environmental Issues**

4.1 Measures emanating from the study are likely to improve road safety and reduce the environmental impact of traffic along a major stretch of the Offham Road.

## **5. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation**

5.1 The matters covered by the petition received on 24 May 2005 are already being considered within the current study being carried out by the County Council. The petitioners should be advised of this and that no further action beyond that already considered would be appropriate.

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