

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES
05 OCTOBER 2009**

Recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development and the Commercial Services Director

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations by 9 November 2009
Signposting	The commission recommended that traditional signs were used where appropriate and where necessary in the rural areas of Peterborough.	The recommendation is acknowledged and such signs will be used as appropriate within the rural areas as necessary.
Traffic Mitigation	To receive a report in one year's time on the outcome of the government's Road Safety Strategy and guidance for future Road Safety Strategy at a local level.	The request for the report is acknowledged and will be actioned accordingly.
	Recommends that the Traffic Manager implement a 20mph speed limit outside every rural Primary School.	The recommendation is acknowledged. Given the presentation at the meeting by the CPRE, it should be noted that such measures would increase the amount of signage on the highway. Officers are currently awaiting the publication of the Government's Road Safety Strategy to 2020 which may contain revised guidance on the reduction in speed limits. This would then be used to inform future years program of works subject to available funding.
	Recommends that the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee considers recommending a reduction in speed limit outside urban schools.	An agenda item on Road Safety is on the agenda of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee for 21 January 2010 (and see previous).

	<p>Recommends officers continue to review casualty data and investigate requests received for casualty reduction measures in rural areas.</p>	<p>Such work is ongoing and informs the safety schemes delivered through the Local Transport Plan and the Council's Capital Programme.</p>
	<p>Recommends officers continue to implement appropriate measures which may include reduction in speed limits as and when required.</p>	<p>Work to implement appropriate safety measures is ongoing. Officers are currently awaiting the publication of the Government's Road Safety Strategy to 2020 which may contain revised guidance on reduction in speed limits.</p>
<p>Bus Service Review</p>	<p>The report author considers a third option of "Peterborough Only" in paragraph 5.2 of the report.</p>	<p>Given the close proximity of the villages to the north of the rural areas many villagers travel to Stamford for their vital services, ie doctors, dentists, affordable food shops. There is no evidence from our consultations that a Peterborough only service would meet the requirements of the residents of these villages.</p>