

## ASHFORD JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010

**Subject:** Thirlmere, Kennington

**Director/Head of Service:** Director of Kent Highway Services

**Decision:** No

**Ward/Division:** **Bockhanger, Kennington**

**Summary:** *This report provides an update to the original report to JTB in March, where a Member requested further evidence be gathered to determine if action should be taken at the Thirlmere/Grasmere Road junction.*

**To Recommend:** **This report is for Members' information.**

**Classification:** THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### 1. Introduction

In June and September 2009 Members raised concern about the safety of the Thirlmere junction with Grasmere Road in Kennington. It was resolved that Highways would investigate these concerns and report back with the findings as soon as possible. Requests have been made for both "SLOW" carriageway markings and Interactive warning signs. Investigations were carried out into the perceived safety issues at the junction of Thirlmere with Grasmere Road and a Minor Investigation Report was produced. This report concluded that, although the existing layout of the junction does not meet the current design standards, there have not been any recorded personal injury crashes at this location over the three year period up to 30 June 2009. The junction is located within a residential area and the majority of drivers are local residents who exercise caution when approaching the side road. In accordance with national signing standards the appropriate form of warning for this side road are "side road warning signs". One such sign is currently located to the south of the Thirlmere junction on Grasmere Road. This site does not meet the minimum intervention levels for other measures. A request for speed data was made at the March meeting of the JTB to support the conclusions of the Minor Investigation Report.

### 2. Update

Traffic Data collected on Grasmere Road for 1 week during April 2010

Northbound			Southbound	
Vehicles	2585		Vehicles	2461
Mean Speed	20.5 mph		Mean Speed	19.5 mph
HGV's	32		HGV's	30

### 3. Conclusion

The traffic data clearly shows that there is not a speeding problem at this location. Coupled with the excellent safety record, it is therefore not proposed to make any changes at this location.

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