

Re: PRUDHOE: B6395 WEST ROAD - REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC SURVEY

Highways Programme

Reply from Andy Walker

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Dear Richard

From the results collected in February 2016 (TS/15/77) it would appear that in both directions at least 1000 vehicles are technically breaking the law by travelling in excess of 30 mph. In reality the Police would probably not take action unless a driver was travelling in excess of 35 mph.

If we use the 35 mph figure then the vehicles travelling in excess of this drop from 1000 down to 145 in an eastbound direction and 233 in a westbound direction.

Eastbound

Average Number of Vehicles = 3056

Average Speed = 29.6 mph

85%ile = 34.2 mph

Westbound

Average Number of Vehicles = 2951

Average Speed = 29.9 mph

85%ile = 34.8 mph

We use the summarised figures in the column marked 85%ile to determine whether a survey should be brought to the attention of the NSRI unit. If the speed is 5 miles above the prescribed speed limit then we pass the information to NSRI for it to be considered for a speed camera sight or appropriate enforcement. (NSRI Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative).

While the speed survey did not meet the criteria for enforcement using a mobile camera unit, I will forward the survey results and our emails to Peter Slater NSRI and Brian Foley (Police) to see if some alternative traffic enforcement can be considered.

You may be aware that the County Council are looking to introduce 20 mph speed limits outside all schools, where it is feasible to do so. Prudhoe West first school is included in this year's LTP (Local transport plan). A suitable scheme is currently being investigated. The town Council will be invited to comment on the proposals once they have been prepared.

Regards

Andy