

BRIEFING

TO:	Improving Places Select Commission
DATE:	24 th October 2019
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TITLE:	Waleswood Caravan and Camping site – Traffic impact updates

Background

1. Waleswood caravan and camping site offering 129 pitches for touring caravans and motorhomes, plus space for 34 tents, opened in April 2019. The site is accessed by vehicular traffic from Delves Lane which leads from the signalised junction of Wales Bar crossroads.

The Transportation Infrastructure Service have been asked to provide Members with information on any impact the development has had on the local road network as a consequence of additional vehicle movements generated from this development

Key Issues

2. To determine the extent by which the development has had on the local road network and community a review of the correspondence received within the Transportation Infrastructure Service since the site was opened has taken place. This has taken consideration of observations of the local road network and how it operates, together with an assessment of any changes that have occurred or have been identified with regard to the traffic signals at Wales Bar Crossroads.

Key Actions and Relevant Timelines

3. A review of correspondence received within the Transportation Infrastructure Service, observations of the local road network and assessment of the traffic signal timings at Wales Bar Crossroads have taken place and have not identified any negative impact on the local highway network as a consequence of Waleswood Caravan and Camping site being operational. This is potentially due to the fact that the amount of additional traffic generated by the development is relatively small in comparison to general traffic flows in the area.

A small number of formal requests have been received from residents requesting a reduction in the existing National Speed Limit along Delves Lane and a review of vehicle speeds that were in advance of the Caravan and Camping site becoming operational indicates that the 85th percentile speed of vehicles (the speed at which the majority of motorists travel at, or below) along Delves Lane within the 30mph section was 29.6mph, with recorded 85th percentile speeds within the National Speed Limit of 34.5mph. These surveys were taken over a 7 day period during February 2019. However, arrangements will be put in place for a follow up speed survey to be undertaken during 2020 to determine existing vehicle speeds.

Recommendations	
4.	A review of the National Speed Limit will be programmed in to take place during 2020 when the site is operating at, or near, capacity, to determine whether a lower speed limit is required.