

## Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP)

### 'The impact of traffic related crime and nuisance within communities' Proactive Scrutiny

Thank you for taking the time to submit evidence to the PCP's proactive scrutiny session, which will review whether the current approach taken to tackle traffic related crime and nuisance within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is making roads and communities safer.

You are welcome to use this document as a basis for your response, or submit a separate document if you prefer.

- 1) How effective do you feel the current policing provision is in response to community concerns related to traffic crime and nuisance, within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight? Can you identify any areas where the PCC could work with the Chief Constable to improve the current approach?

*We feel that our local problems are not being addressed because of the lack of police officers in the Fordingbridge area. This Parish is in a rural area of the New Forest and we have problems with theft from cars, anti-social behaviour such as off-roading cars and motor bikes on Forest tracks and car park areas and late night speeding. The danger to people and livestock and the damage to the Forest and commons concerns and upsets our residents. Livestock is also injured in daylight for example in July a vehicle hit and drove over a donkey foal and did not stop this was outside the village primary school just before the children came out in at the end of school. We would like to see more frequent patrols and mounted police around the Forest.*

- 2) How well do you feel the PCC and his office have worked with partners to tackle traffic nuisance, and seek innovative solutions to prevent and reduce the impact this has within communities? Can you identify any opportunities for further partnership working in the future?

*Hyde Parish Council has had no contact with the P.C.C so councillors are unable to comment on its effectiveness.*

- 3) How well has the PCC communicated with you and other local residents to better understand your concerns around traffic crime and encourage active involvement in improving road safety within your local community? Can you suggest how the PCC could improve his interaction with local communities in the future?

*As above, any information available to us is via the PCC website.*

- 4) How effective do you feel the Community SpeedWatch Scheme is in deterring motorists from exceeding speed limits? How could the success of this approach be evaluated and what role could the PCC play in enhancing community based road safety schemes?

*We do not have a Community Speed Watch so we are unable to comment.*

- 5) What do you think should be the priorities for action to support a reduction in traffic related crime and nuisance to deliver enhanced road safety across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight?

*We support maximum fines, court action and loss of licences for drivers who commit traffic crimes and offences and more publicity so that consequences are well known.*

- 6) Are there any examples of successful approaches to reducing and tackling traffic related crime and nuisance which you are aware of, either within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight or in other areas?

*The Parish Council has noted the effect of the Speed Police van on the B3078 in reducing speeding, it is seen as a deterrent, we would like to see support for this initiative continue.*

*We are also aware of the New Forest N.P development of the principle of shared space/roads which encourages people to respect other users; we support this as the narrow lanes in our parish host local people - many of whom are elderly, local traffic, visitors, walkers, cyclists and adapted cycles pulling buggies holding one or two young children (from a neighbouring holiday camp), horse riders and ponies with traps.*

- 7) Is there anything further that you can provide to the Panel that will assist us with our proactive scrutiny of this topic?

*We have concerns that urban areas are given high priority due to the number of residents and we would hope that rural areas are also closely scrutinised. Our question is – are the traffic related crime problems the same in rural areas as in urban or should there be separate strategies for the two different areas?*

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