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Dear Member,

## **Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee - Monday, 22 January 2024**

Please find enclosed the following document(s) for consideration at the meeting of the Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 22 January 2024 which was unavailable when the agenda was published.

<b>Agenda No</b>	<b>Item</b>
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<b>5.</b>	<b>New Process for Traffic Regulation Orders and Community Highways Schemes</b> (Pages 3 - 18)
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Due to staff sickness, it was not possible to produce a report within the statutory timescales. To avoid having to defer the item until the autumn, and with the Chairman's agreement, scrutiny on 22 January will instead be informed by the enclosed Powerpoint presentations alone, which officers will present on the day.

Yours sincerely

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**To all members of the Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee**

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# **Community Highway Schemes and Community Traffic Regulations Orders**

# Introduction

- In 2022 new mechanisms were introduced to assess and deliver Community Highway Schemes (CHSs) and Community Traffic Regulations Orders (CTROs)
- Update on implementation of new way of working and assessment of the applications WSCC is receiving

# Assessment of CTROs

Since April 2022 all CTRo applications have been assessed using a 'SPACE' Assessment and delivered via a rolling programme if they score more than the threshold score :

- Safety
- People
- Access
- Cost
- Environment

# Assessment of CHSs

- New Assessment Framework piloted on CHSs in Autumn 2022 and rolled out across wider Highway Improvement Programme in Autumn 2023.
- Assessment Framework considers two key elements
  - Scheme alignment with the West Sussex Transport Themes, and
  - Project Assurance

# Delivery of CHSs

- Majority of schemes delivered over two years (Year 1 – design and Year 2 – Delivery)
- New category of scheme introduced in 2022 (Simple Schemes) that can be delivered in 1 year if:
  - costs less than £25,000 to deliver,
  - does not require a Road Safety Audit,
  - does not require a complex TRO,
  - is not be part of a wider programme of works in the area,
  - has full support of the local community and Local Member.

# What type of CTRO applications are we receiving?

	April 2022 – March 2023				April 2023 - Dec 2023			
	Speed Restriction	Prohibition of movement	Parking	<b>Total</b>	Speed Restriction	Prohibition of movement	Parking	<b>Total</b>
<b>Applications</b>	23	3	37	<b>63</b>	38	1	31	<b>70</b>
<b>Approved</b>	11	0	18	<b>29</b>	13	0	7	<b>20</b>
<b>Rejected</b>	12	3	19	<b>34</b>	25	1	24	<b>50</b>



# Delivery of CTROs

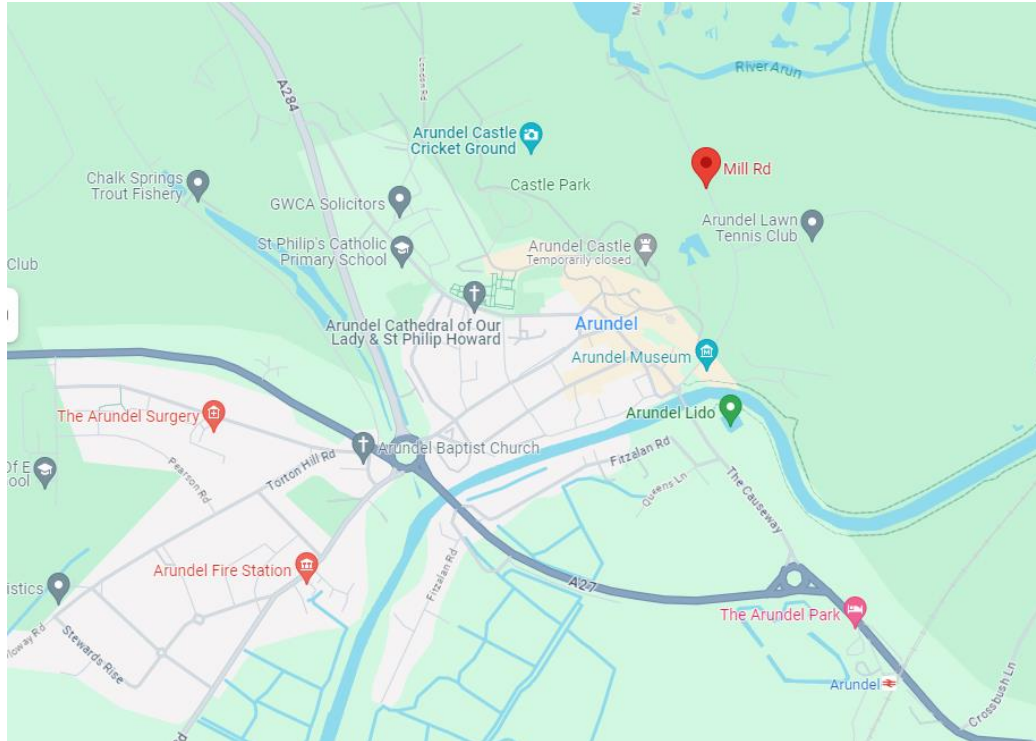
- % of TROs being delivered within the new target of 6 – 9 months
- Reasons for rejection
- Increase to the financial threshold

# An example of a successful CTRO – Singleton



- Introduction of 30mph Speed Limit
- Incorporated formalised crossing point within 30mph section
- Improves Road Safety for pedestrians, using the pedestrian crossing
- Allows safer vehicle manoeuvres in and out of Weald and Downland due to reduced speed
- Speed Limit better aligned with Village Gateway

# An example of an unsuccessful CTRO – Mill Road, Arundel



- Prohibition of parking for motor homes
- Seeking to address the numerous vehicles parking along Mill Road overnight
- Contentious matter so likely to attract more than 5 objections
- Cost of implementation would be greater than financial limit
- Progressed as Simple CHS

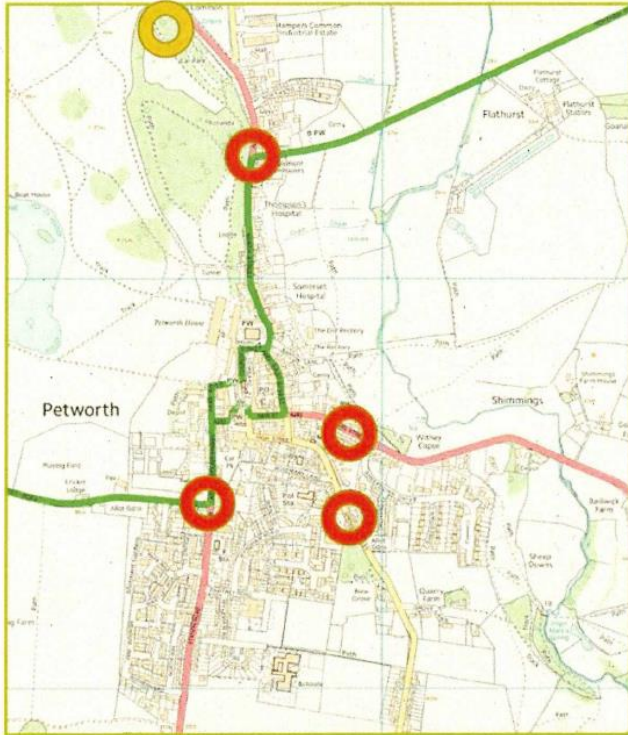
# How many CHS applications have we received?

	2023/24 Programme	2024/25 Programme (Draft)
<b>Applications received</b>	66	61
<b>Applications rejected</b>	49	46
<b>Applications progressed as Simple Schemes (1 year delivery)</b>	4	3
<b>Applications progressed as Standard CHSs (2 year delivery)</b>	13	12

# Type of CHSs – draft 2024/25 programme

	Applications	Draft Prog (2 year schemes)	Draft Prog (1 year scheme)
Crossing Improvements	11	3	1
Cycling facilities	1		1
Improvement to footways / pedestrian facilities	4	3	
Prohibition of movement or parking	9		1
Speed related applications	30	6	
St lighting	2		
Traffic Calming	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>

# An example of a successful CHS – Petworth 20mph

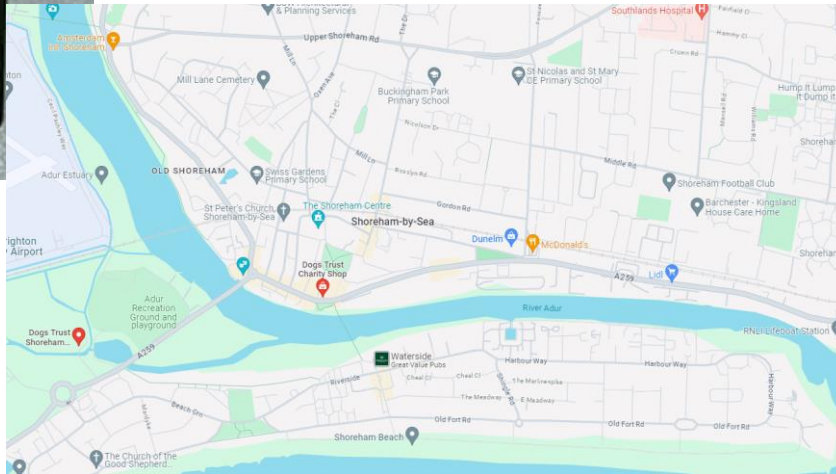


-  New 20 mph Entry Point
-  New 50 mph 'Lead-in'

- 20mph zone within Petworth
- In keeping with the characteristics of the town
- Well supported – excellent consultation
- Good compliance with policy



# An example of a unsuccessful CHS – Signalised crossing at Shoreham



- Benefit Cost Ratio
- Technical compliance
- Some crossing facilities already at site

# Introduction of the new Speed Limit Policy

Year	Total Schemes	Total Speed Reduction Schemes	Percentage of Speed Reduction Schemes
2020	44	15	34.1%
2021	49	10	20.4%
2022	66	22	33.3%
2023	61	30	49.2%



# Questions?

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