

Gumdale Area Traffic Plan

Summary of resident's responses to speed survey

June 2010

Response rate

- 583 surveys were distributed to residents in the study area and 194 responses were submitted. The 33.28% response rate was high for a voluntary survey.

Importance of speeding as an issue in your street

- 44.3% identified speeding as a big issue in their street and rated this issue as a 10 on a 10-point scale of importance (with 10 being the highest).
- Grassdale Road respondents were particularly strong in agreement on the importance of the issue.

Effectiveness of various measures in reducing speeding in your street

- **Lower speed limits**
 - Respondents were divided over whether lower speed limits would be effective in the area. 44.7% said lower limits would not be effective, 37.8% said they would be effective and 17.5% were neutral on the issue.
 - The strongest support for lower speed limits came from Grassdale Road, with 61.8% of respondents claiming lower limits would be effective. 23.6% said they would not be effective and 14.6% were neutral.
 - This result is clearly linked to the fact that Grassdale Road has a higher speed limit than most other roads in the area.
- **Police enforcement**
 - 64.7% of respondents agreed that more police enforcement of the speed limits (eg: radar and speed cameras) would be effective, while 22.6% said it would not be effective. 12.7% were neutral.
- **Traffic calming**
 - Respondents were divided over whether traffic calming measures would be effective in reducing speeding in the area. 31.4% said traffic calming would be very ineffective and 38.1% said traffic calming would be very effective (although some of these respondents also commented that they didn't think traffic calming was appropriate for the area)
- **Visible speed signs**
 - A clear majority of respondents (56.8%) agreed that more visible speed limit signage would be either 'effective' or 'very effective' in reducing speeding in the area. 19% said it would not be effective and 24.2% were neutral.

Would you support a change in speed limits in your street?

- Respondents were divided almost equally on this issue. 46.9% supported speed limit changes in their street, while 45.9% did not support changes to speed limits in their street.
- Once again, Grassdale Road respondents supported a change in their speed limit, with 69.1% in favour, 29.1% against and 1.8% were undecided.

Most appropriate speed in your street

- 59.8% of respondents indicated a speed limit of 60km/hr would be most appropriate for their street.
- The next most supported speed limits were 50km/hr (19.1%) and 70km/hr (14.9%).

What does it all mean?

- Across the study area as a whole, there is no strong agreement over the question of whether speed limits should be changed - with the exception of Grassdale Road.
- Many Grassdale Road respondents would like to see their limit reduced from 70km/hr to 60km/hr.
- Respondents were divided on the effectiveness and appropriateness of traffic calming.
- Respondents believe that more Police enforcement was the best way of dealing with speeding.
- Better and more visible speed signage is seen as important to re-enforce speed limits in the area.

What happens next?

These results will be used, together with a wide range of traffic survey data, to help Council draft the recommendations of the Gumdale Area Traffic Plan. Council appreciates the feedback provided by residents to date. Further opportunities for community input will be provided as the plan progresses.