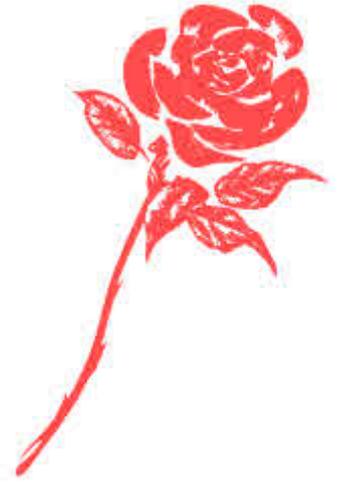


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### ORDELMERE SPECIAL

## Highways panel delays work on safety investigations

In July 2007 a local resident presented a petition with 110 signatures calling for traffic calming and a reduction in the speed limit to 20MPH in Ordelmere to the Letchworth Area Committee of North Herts Council. The Area Committee agreed to pass it on to the Hertfordshire Highway Joint Member Panel which explored the matter at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

The report to the panel states that the County Council is developing an Urban Transport Plan for all the towns in the County, and one of the first is for Letchworth and Baldock. Public consultation on this was undertaken in late 2004 and again in June 2006 with meetings held at Letchworth and Baldock Libraries, and the outcomes were endorsed by the Joint Member Panel in April 2007.

During the Public consultation Ordelmere was not identified as an issue. A list of schemes has been selected and agreed for investigation for action in the budget year 2008/09 which will be confirmed when the budget is known in February 2008.

At the meeting, Grange Labour County Councillor Nigel Ager said: "Ordelmere has a long history of traffic problems and if these cannot be solved in 2008/09 then I would like to see it put forward as 1<sup>st</sup> reserve or to be addressed early in 2009/10".

Tory Councillors Michael Muir and Richard Thake (portfolio holder for Planning and Transport) both said that there are hundreds of roads like Ordelmere in North Herts and Ordelmere should be judged against the rest and take its chance.

Labour's Campaign spokesperson Jean Andrews said: "We are very disappointed that no work will be done in 2008/09 and will keep the pressure on for the work to be done as soon as possible. I am disappointed that the Tory Councillors could not support Ordelmere."

