

Thank-you Kirsty.

Point taken re your second paragraph. I fully acknowledge the need for some sort of "balance" but the evidence would seem to suggest the current situation is hardly ideal. Sandbank C.C. is simply suggesting that the timber lorries reduce speed for no more than a minute or two while in the village environs.

As regards your third paragraph, the danger is most certainly not "perceived". I understand that small pieces of bark have actually hit the occasional pedestrian but no one has been injured. The worry is that a serious accident is in the offing. It could be today, tomorrow or five years from now!

Aye, Iain

Sent from my ASUS MeMO Pad

Kirsty Robb <kirsty.rob1@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr McNaughton,

I will pass on your request for a voluntary speed limit for timber lorries of 20 mph travelling through Sandbank to the ATTG members.

I am not an expert in traffic safety but would have thought this is likely to cause more danger than it will save - if timber lorries are travelling at 10 mph slower than the speed limit for other vehicles then it is bound to introduce frustrations and unsafe overtaking from other drivers which could have serious consequences for pedestrians and vehicle occupants if there is an accident.

I appreciate that there is a perceived danger with loose bark coming off passing timber lorries and we should seek to minimise this occurring, however, introducing a different speed limit for timber lorries doesn't seem a sensible solution.

Best regards,

Kirsty

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 8:58 AM, Wendy MacNaughton <macnaughtons@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Kirsty,

I refer to your recent response to Councillor Alan Reid in respect of the above.

For the most part, there are no fundamental objections to timber lorries travelling through Sandbank on their way to or from the pier at the Holy Loch Marina. As Councillor Reid stated, people recognise that economic benefit emanates from such activity.

The crux of the matter is that pieces of bark regularly fly off the lorries. Most pieces are small but not all and the evidence can be clearly seen on both the pavements and road from the Sandhaven development to the Marina.

And pedestrians, often with bairns of all ages, use these pavements - so the potential

hazard will be obvious to you. To date, i.e. since coming to live in Sandbank over 12 years ago, I have not heard of a really serious incident but numerous local residents have raised their concerns at community council meetings.

I fully accept that all ATTG drivers are advised/instructed as to speed limits, lorry cleaning, etc but, life being what it is, I cannot be sure they all abide by such edicts from management. And, as you'll appreciate, bark does not only fly off empty lorries which may or may not have been swept.

I don't think anyone living in Sandbank, and certainly not the community council, is suggesting that timber lorries should be prohibited from driving through the village but if they were to voluntarily reduce their speed to say 20 mph for the short period they are within the village area it is felt the potential hazard would be reduced significantly, i.e. bark flying off a lorry travelling at 20 mph and hitting a pedestrian should do less damage than one travelling at say 30 to 35 mph. Such a mitigating measure would go a long way to assuaging local concerns.

Regards, Iain MacNaughton for Sandbank Community Council

Sent from my ASUS MeMO Pad

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