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## Sleepers Hill Association

Dear Member,

Replies have now been received from the great majority of members indicating whether or not they wish to share in the cost of preparing plans for a scheme involving a number of 'speed tables' on Sleepers Hill. The resulting figures are:

<u>Total number of households</u>	<u>79</u>
Wishing to contribute	41
Not wishing to contribute	19
Not in favour but willing to contribute if that is the majority view	10
No response (despite our best efforts)	9

This means that we now have 51 residents willing to share the cost of the next stage and, Messrs Patterson Reeve, Consulting Engineers, have therefore been instructed to go ahead with the first two parts of their proposal. These are:

1. To carry out a detailed survey and prepare a scheme for traffic calming using Speed Tables.
2. To prepare working drawings and specifications to put out to tender. (These would also be submitted to the authorities for approval and, if approved, to the SHA membership for a decision on implementation once the cost has been established).

The third part of their proposal is to supervise any works undertaken to ensure compliance with their specification - this will be by negotiation at a later date.

The estimate we have for parts 1 & 2 is £850.00 + VAT and "disbursements". Hence the figure of £1000 in our original note to members. For present purposes, dividing this sum by the number of residents willing to share the cost (i.e. 51) suggests that, even with whatever disbursements may be necessary, individual shares should be little more than £20, i.e. at the lower end of the bracket estimated in our original note.

We propose to pay for the design out of Association funds and to recoup the cost from contributing members once the final cost is clear, probably when collecting the SHA annual subscription later in the autumn. We will send out individual accounts to participating members.

We hope to be able to obtain 3 estimates for the works by the time of the AGM. If necessary, we would propose postponing the AGM until all the estimates are in so that we may have an informed discussion as to how to proceed.

Thank you to all who have taken the trouble to write to us. As you can imagine, there are a wide range of views on this matter but, whatever the outcome, the Committee feels that this course of action provides the best hope of moderating the speed of traffic on the Hill.

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On behalf of the SHA Committee