

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DATE: 10 OCTOBER 2012

**REPORT OF: JASON RUSSELL, ASST DIRECTOR
HIGHWAYS**



**SUBJECT: SPEED LIMIT A245 WOODLANDS LANE, STOKE D'ABERNON /
A245 WOODLANDS ROAD, LEATHERHEAD / A245
RANDALLS ROAD, LEATHERHEAD**

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

To consider whether to endorse the Elmbridge Local Committee's recommendation that the speed limit on the A245 Woodlands Lane, Stoke D'Abernon be changed from the National Speed Limit (60mph) to 50mph. Under the scheme of delegation, the authority to endorse a new speed limit, which is in discord with the policy, rests with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

DETAILS:

Business Case

1. At its meeting on 10 September 2012, the Elmbridge Local Committee received a report setting out the outcome of the speed limit assessments for the A245 Woodlands Lane, Stoke D'Abernon, A245 Woodlands Road/Randalls Road, Leatherhead. A copy of the report presented to the Local Committee is attached as Appendix 1.
2. It should be noted that part of the A245 Woodland Road / Randalls Road, Leatherhead, resides within Mole Valley and a report was presented to the Mole Valley Local Committee on 12 September 2012 seeking approval to reduce the speed limit on this section of the A245. The Mole Valley element of the A245 forms the subject of a separate report.
3. Surrey County Council has a speed management policy for determining and applying speed limits on the public highway. This was updated in 2005 to reflect the changes arising from the Department of Transport's revised speed limit guidance. Assessed against these criteria the personal injury collision rate has been calculated as 70.
4. Tier 1 roads such as the A245 would have a preferred speed limit of 50 or 60 mph depending upon the rate of personal injury collisions per 100 million vehicle km. 50 mph for more than 35 and 60 mph for less than 35 personal injury collisions per 100 million vehicle km.
5. As this section of A245 has a collision rate of over 35, the Policy dictates that a speed limit of 50mph should be in force.

| Road | Current limit | Committee preferred limit | 'Preferred limit' under policy | Report recommendation |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A245 Woodlands Lane (Elmbridge) | National (60 mph) | 40 mph | 50 mph | 50 mph |
| A245 Woodlands Road/ Randalls Road (Mole Valley) | National (60 mph) | 40 mph | 50 mph | 50 mph |

6. The Local Committee resolved to:

RECOMMEND to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that:

- (a) that the speed limit on the A245 Woodlands Lane / A245 Woodlands Road / A245 Randalls Road be reduced from the national speed limit (60mph) to 40 mph, from the junction with Cobham Road / Stoke Road to the existing 30mph termination point approximately 200 metres south-east of the access road to Leatherhead Crematorium
7. Under the scheme of delegation, the authority to endorse a new speed limit, which is in discord with the policy, rests with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.
 8. Vehicular speeds, the casualty record and safety concerns should be reviewed 12 months after installation of the revised limit and in the event of the new speed limit being ineffective, the policy recommends that remedial action be considered. This review may be needed earlier if there are extenuating circumstances that warrant prompt action
 9. The reduction in speed limit and additional signing should assist in reducing the number of personal injury collisions. It is also recommended that the existing signing is improved throughout the route, under current maintenance regimes, to improve safety.
 10. Consultation has been carried out with Surrey Police and their view is that they would support a reduction to 40 mph, which is lower than the 50mph speed limit that the current policy permits.

Financial and value for money implications

11. The cost of making the Traffic Regulation Order and installation of the required signs will be in the region of £15,000.

Equalities implications

12. There are no equalities implications arising from this decision.

Risk management implications

13. Objections to the proposal may be received when the speed limit order is advertised.

Climate change/carbon emissions implications

14. The County Council attaches great importance to being environmentally aware and wishes to show leadership in cutting carbon emissions and tackling climate change.
15. The proposed speed limit changes should have a positive impact on emissions as vehicle speeds are reduced.

Legal implications/legislative requirements

16. The reduced speed limits will be introduced through the making of a Speed Limit Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

17. There are no Corporate Parenting or Looked After Children implications for this decision.

Section 151 Officer commentary

18. The Section 151 officer confirms that all material, financial and business issues and risks have been considered in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

the speed limit on the A245 Woodlands Lane / A245 Woodlands Road / A245 Randalls Road be reduced from the national speed limit (60mph) to 40 mph, from the junction with Cobham Road / Stoke Road to the existing 30mph termination point approximately 200 metres south-east of the access road to Leatherhead Crematorium.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The current County policy permits a 50mph for this type of road however following Elmbridge Local Committee's recommendation to reduce the existing national speed limit (60mph) to 40mph, support has also been received from Surrey County Council's Safety Camera Partnership, and Surrey Police. A reduction in speed limit and additional signing should assist in reducing the number of personal injury collisions.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

If the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment approves the recommendation then the reduced speed limits on the A245 Woodlands Lane / A245 Woodlands Road / A245 Randalls Road will be advertised with any objections considered by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Area Team Manager. Dependant on the objections received, and if these can be resolved, then the Speed Limit Order will be made and the scheme implemented.

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Consulted:

Elmbridge Local Committee
Surrey Police

Informed:

None

Sources/background papers:

Elmbridge Local Committee Report, 10 September 2012 – A245 Woodlands Lane /
A245 Woodlands Road / A245 Randalls Road
