



SPEED LIMIT PRIORITISATION 2009/10

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

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KEY ISSUE

This report documents progress on the Speed Limit programme over the past year, and recommends a number of newly identified proposals for addition to the programme.

SUMMARY

The Transportation Task Group met on 27 November 2008, to consider new speed limit requests and the prioritisation of speed limits for the financial year 2009/10. This report details the Task Group's recommendations and puts forward a list of speed limits to be assessed and/or implemented next year.

Report by

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LOCAL HIGHWAYS MANAGER

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GUILDFORD B.C. WARD(S)

COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION(S)

ALL

ALL

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the updated Speed Limit programme shown in **ANNEXES A & B** be approved and Officers be authorised to progress the assessment and implementation of these during the 2009/2010 financial year, subject to the level of funding available and to their meeting the requirements of the County Council's Speed Management Policy.
- (ii) that the intention of the County Council to make the necessary speed limit orders be advertised and that if no objections are maintained, the various orders be made.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1 The Transportation Task Group meets annually to consider progress made in the programme of speed limits since the previous year. The Task Group also considers new requests for speed assessments, and decides whether or not these should be recommended to the Committee for inclusion in the programme. The Task Group met on 27 November 2008, and this report sets out its recommendations.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST YEAR

- 2 The Local Committee (Guildford), at its meeting on 13th December 2007, approved the 2008/2009 Speed Limit programme for investigation and, subject to meeting the Speed Limit Management Policy and to funding being made available, implementation. **ANNEXE A** lists these and the action taken since last year.

NEW REQUESTS FOR SPEED LIMITS

- 3 During the last year, there have been 2 new speed limit requests. These requests were considered by the Transportation Task Group. **ANNEXE B** shows the location of the requests and the Task Group's recommendations. This list is prioritised on the basis of the record of personal injury accidents (PIAs), and particularly those that were speed related.
- 4 It is recommended that the revised programme should now comprise those Speed Limits listed in **ANNEXES A & B**. These will be investigated and, subject again to meeting the speed limit policy and to funds being made available, implemented. Since no new speed limits are proposed this year, in practice the programme comprises completion of the remaining schemes from 2008/09.

FINANCIAL & VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5 In past years the typical cost of implementing one site has been quoted as approximately £6000, including legal, advertising and staff costs, plus the costs of signage and road markings. Detailed costs for individual schemes are not known until each scheme has been assessed. Funding of these proposals will be from the LTP allocation to Guildford.
- 6 In the past few months a problem has arisen with one scheme (Effingham Common Road) where the speed limit has been reduced from 50 to 40 mph. National regulations require different sizes of road markings for speed limits up to 40 mph as compared with limits of 50 mph and above. Officers were proposing to postpone the remarking of this road until the next time resurfacing or surface dressing was carried out. However Surrey Police have stated that they consider the revised speed limit not to be legally enforceable until the road markings are altered.
- 7 New markings have been drawn up and are currently with the constructor for pricing and implementation. The cost is likely to be high because of the need to burn off the existing markings, lift and replace the road studs, together with the need for traffic management or even closure of the road during the works.
- 8 In future where speed limit alterations are proposed which this ruling would affect, officers will advise the Task Group and the Committee of the likely cost so that a decision can be made as to whether the proposal represents value for money.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9 The implementation of schemes on the Speed Limit Priority list will have a positive impact on the environment and on safety by addressing speed related accidents and perception about safety in the communities concerned.

OPTIONS

- 10 The Committee may choose to accept or reject any of the recommendations of its Transportation Task Group.

CONSULTATIONS

- 11 All proposed speed limits will be subject to appropriate consultation and formal advertisement as they are developed.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

12 This report has no implications for equality and diversity.

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

13 This report has no implications for crime and disorder.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

14 This report sets out the officer and task group recommendations for schemes to be included in the speed limits programme.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

13 Since no additional speed limits are proposed, no additional funds are being sought. Those speed limits still being investigated will be completed and installed, subject to no objections being maintained.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	TRANSPORTATION TASK GROUP REPORTS: Speed Limit update 2008/09; New Speed Limit Requests 2008/09

PROGRESS ON SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENTS DURING 2008/09

No	Location	Existing	Requested Speed	Update
1	Ockham Village	40mph	30mph	Implemented
2	A324 Aldershot Road, Pirbright	50mph	40mph	Implemented
3	Ash Road, Pirbright	Derestricted	40mph	Implemented
4	Effingham Common Road, Effingham	50mph	40mph	Implemented
5	Paper Court Lane, Ripley	Derestricted	40mph	On hold pending SCC Executive Decision
6	Tannery Lane, Send	Derestricted	40mph	On hold pending SCC Executive Decision
7	Wodeland Avenue	Derestricted	20mph	On hold pending SCC Executive Decision
8	Green Dene, East Horsley	40	30	Under investigation
9	A246 Guildford Road, Effingham	40/50	30/40	Under investigation
10	Dirtham Lane, Effingham	Unrestricted	30	Under investigation

NEW REQUESTS FOR SPEED LIMITS RECEIVED OVER PAST 12 MONTHS

No	Location	Existing Limit	Requested Limit	PIAs	Officer Recommendations	Task Group Recommendations
1	The Avenue, Compton	Unrestricted	30	3(0)	Not recommended	Task Group Agreed Officer Recommendations
2	Priorsfield, Compton	Unrestricted	30	8(0)	Not recommended	Task Group Agreed Officer Recommendations

Notes: Accident data analysis from 01/9/2005 to 31/08/2008.
 Figures in brackets denote speed related accidents.
 PIAs: Personal Injury Accidents.