



SPEED LIMIT PRIORITISATION 2011/12

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 16 February 2011, to consider new speed limit requests and the prioritisation of speed limits for the financial year 2011/12. This report details the Task Group's recommendations and puts forward a list of speed limits to be assessed and/or implemented next year.

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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 2011/2012 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 16 February 2011, and this report sets out its recommendations.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST YEAR

- 2 The Local Committee (Guildford), at its meeting on 30th September 2009, approved the 2009/2010 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 6 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.

- 5 The County Council Speed Limit Policy was reviewed and approved in November 2010. The main changes from previous Speed Limit are as follows:

“Local Committees have the discretion to decide the final speed limit that is to be implemented taking into account public views presented to them resulting from the statutory consultation process. The Cabinet Member for Transport will endorse the decision in the event that the local police object to the proposal and the local council highway officer also recommends against proceeding. Speeds, the casualty record, and safety concern will be reviewed after 12 months and in the event of the speed limit being ineffective, remedial action will be considered. This review may be earlier if there are extenuating circumstances that warrant prompt action.”

- 6 Members are advised that existing pending requests numbered 1 to 5, the Guildford 2010/2011 Speed Limits Update list, have not met the Speed Limit Policy for requested speed limit and have not been statutory advertised.
- 7 If members are minded, these could be statutory advertised and consulted upon subject to availability of funds. Following this stage, if no objections are raised, these could be referred back to the Cabinet Member for resolution.

FINANCIAL & VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 8 In past years the typical cost of implementing one site has been quoted as approximately £6,000, 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.

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 Subject to available funds, speed limits request will be investigated, assessed and will be implemented if they meet the Speed Limit Policy, subject to no objections being maintained.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	TRANSPORTATION TASK GROUP REPORTS: Speed Limit update 2009/10 New Speed Limit Requests 2008/09

PROGRESS ON SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENTS DURING 2008/09

No	Location	Existing	Requested Speed	Comments/update
1	Green Dene, East Horsley	Unrestricted/40	30	Task Group recommendation: Assessment to be carried out and the appropriate assessed speed limit be advertised and if no objections maintained to be implemented.
2	Wodeland Avenue	30mph	20mph	Task Group recommendation: the 20mph speed limit be advertised and if no objections maintained to be referred back to <i>Cabinet Member for Transport</i> for resolution. Please note that Officer & Surrey Police recommendation is no change to the existing speed limit as did not meet the speed limit policy.
3	A246 Guildford Road, Effingham (From existing 50mph toward East Horsley boundary)	40/50	30/40	Task Group recommendation: the 40mph speed limit be advertised and if no objections maintained to be referred back to <i>Cabinet Member for Transport</i> for resolution. Please note that Officer & Surrey Police recommendation is no change to the existing speed limit as did not meet the speed limit policy.
4	A246 Guildford Road, Effingham (From existing 40mph to borough boundary)	40/50	30/40	Task Group recommendation: the 30mph speed limit be advertised and if no objections maintained to be referred back to <i>Cabinet Member for Transport</i> for resolution. Please note that Officer & Surrey Police recommendation is no change to the existing speed limit as did not meet the speed limit policy.
5	Down Lane, Compton (residential section only)	Unrestricted	30	Task Group recommendation: Assessment to be carried out and the appropriate assessed speed limit be advertised and if no objections maintained to be implemented.
6	Paper Court La, Ripley	Unrestricted	40mph	Task Group recommendation: the 30mph speed limit be advertised and if no objections to be referred back to <i>Cabinet</i>
7	Tannery Lane, Send	Unrestricted	40mph	<i>Member for Transport</i> for resolution. Please note that Officer & Surrey Police recommendation is no change to the existing speed limit as did not meet the speed limit policy.
8	Dirtham Lane, Effingham	Unrestricted	30	Implemented

NEW REQUESTS FOR SPEED LIMITS RECEIVED OVER PAST 12 MONTHS

No	Location	Existing Limit	Requested Limit	PIAs	Officer Recommendations	Task Group Recommendations
1	A322 Worplesdon Road, Worplesdon	Unrestricted	40	2(0)	Recommended by Officers for inclusion into Speed Limit Assessment list.	Task Group Agreed Officer Recommendations
	Poyle Road, Tongham	Unrestricted	30	0(0)	Not Recommended by Officers for inclusion into Speed Limit Assessment list.	Task Group Agreed Officer Recommendations
	B2125 Portsmouth Road, Send/Ripley	40	30	2(1)	Not Recommended by Officers for inclusion into Speed Limit Assessment list.	Task Group Agreed Officer Recommendations.
	Crocknorth Road, E Horsley/Effingham	Unrestricted	30	3(1)	Not Recommended by Officers for inclusion into Speed Limit Assessment list.	Task Group Agreed Officer Recommendations
	East Shalford Road, Chilworth/Shalford	Unrestricted	30	0(0)	Not Recommended by Officers for inclusion into Speed Limit Assessment list.	Task Group Agreed Officer Recommendations
2	B2126 Horsham Road, Abinger Hammer	Unrestricted	40		Recommended by Officers for inclusion into Speed Limit Assessment list.	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.