



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

UPDATE REPORT - HIGH ROAD, CHIPSTEAD AND 20MPH SPEED LIMITS OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

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KEY ISSUE

To update Members on the experimental kerb build-out and priority give way in High Road, Chipstead and the 20mph speed limits outside four schools in Reigate and Banstead.

SUMMARY

Following implementation of the experimental kerb build-out in High Road, Chipstead, concerns were expressed about the safety of the traffic calming feature by both local residents and road users. A Stage 3 (post construction) Road Safety Audit was carried out. Following a meeting with the relevant Members, the Area Team Manager, Surrey Police and the road safety auditor, the decision was taken to remove the experimental scheme.

The existing 20mph speed limits outside four schools in Reigate and Banstead have not been formalised through the advertisement and making of a Traffic Regulation Order. Work is ongoing to advertise the 20mph speed limits and to ensure that the required signing and lining is in place.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to note the report for information.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 High Road, Chipstead

As a result of the on-going concerns of the residents of Chipstead Village about the volume and speed of traffic using the local road network as a link between the A23 and A217, in September 2010 Local Committee approved the implementation of a kerb build-out with priority give-way working in High Road, Chipstead. The scheme was implemented on an experimental basis and constructed using temporary materials.

- 1.2 Traffic surveys were carried out before the scheme started and repeat surveys were planned to take place once the scheme had been in place for a number of weeks and new travel patterns established. It was also planned to carry out consultation. A further report was to be presented to Local Committee after the scheme had been in place for approximately six months for decision as to whether to make it permanent. However, the Local Committee agreed in September that if the scheme needed to be removed on safety or access grounds before that, the Area Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and local elected Member could take appropriate action.

1.3 20mph Speed Limit outside schools

20mph speed limits were introduced outside four schools in Reigate and Banstead as a pilot scheme prior to the implementation of 20mph speed limits outside schools borough-wide. The pilot schools were Meath Green Junior (Horley), Reigate St Mary's Preparatory (Reigate), Kingswood Primary (Lower Kingswood) and St Anne's Catholic Primary (Banstead). Local Committee considered a report reviewing the effectiveness of the pilot scheme in February 2011 and agreed that the required Traffic Regulation Order be made to formalise the 20mph speed limit at the four schools. Committee also agreed that a school/site specific approach to delivering Safer Routes to Schools in Reigate and Banstead be followed rather than a blanket 20mph speed limit outside all schools.

2 CURRENT POSITION

2.1 High Road, Chipstead

Following construction of the build-out at the end of January 2011, concerns were expressed by a number of residents and road users about the safety of the scheme. As a result, the decision was made by officers to carry out the Stage 3 (post construction) Road Safety Audit as a matter of urgency, with the daytime visit being made on 4 February and the evening visit on 7 February 2011.

- 2.2 As a result of the safety audit, remedial works were carried out to help increase driver awareness of the road layout. However, there were a number of issues that could not be resolved. A meeting was held on 11

March attended by the Local Committee Chairman, Councillor Angela Fraser, who is also the local Divisional Member, Councillor Lynne Hack representing both the Vice-Chairman and the Cabinet Member for Transport, the Area Highways Manager, Surrey Police and the safety auditor. Following detailed discussion, it was agreed that the scheme should be removed on safety grounds, as allowed for in the original Committee decision. The scheme was removed and the road returned to its original layout on 25 March 2011.

- 2.3 It is intended that the Area Team Manager meet with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Divisional Member to discuss a way forward to address the continuing concerns of the Chipstead residents.
- 2.4 **20mph Speed Limit outside schools**
The Traffic Regulation Order for formalising the 20mph speed limits outside four pilot schools has been drafted and the order making team has been asked to advertise the order at the earliest opportunity.
- 2.5 Work is ongoing to check that the road signs and markings complies with the regulations to enable Surrey Police to enforce the speed limit.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 High Road, Chipstead

The Chipstead Residents' Association committed a £10,000 contribution towards the costs of the experimental scheme in High Road. Committee were advised in September 2010 that there could be a shortfall in funding for this scheme and that no allowance had been made for either making the scheme permanent or for its removal.

- 3.2 The scheme costs can be broken down as below.

'Before' traffic surveys	£2088.73
Surrey Highways officer time	£677.28
Construction	£7754.90
Removal	<u>£6186.17</u>
	£16707.08

The survey information will be of use should a scheme be developed for Chipstead Village in the future. Some of the materials used in the experimental scheme have been returned to the depot and can be used elsewhere, so will need to be deducted from the final cost.

- 3.3 On 28 February 2011, Local Committee approved funding of £5,000 towards the removal of the scheme. Discussions are ongoing with the Chipstead Residents' Association regarding funding of the scheme.

3.4 **20mph Speed Limit outside schools**

On 28 February 2011, Local Committee approved funding of £5000 for the legal process of formalising the existing 20mph speed limits and for the provision of new or additional signs and road markings, if required.

4 **EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

5 **CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

6 **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The experimental kerb build-out in High Road, Chipstead was removed to meet safety concerns which could not be addressed through any other means. This decision was made by the appropriate Members together with the Area Team Manager, Surrey Police and the safety auditor.

6.2 The legal process is under way to formalise the existing 20mph speed limits outside four schools in Reigate and Banstead. A review of the signing and lining of these speed limits is ongoing.

6.3 Members are asked to note this report for information.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Local Committee Reports Stage 3 Road Safety Audit