



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

SUTTON LANE, BANSTEAD - EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT

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KEY ISSUE

To extend the existing 30mph speed limit in Sutton Lane, Banstead to reduce approach speeds to a junction in the London Borough of Sutton which has been identified as having a poor personal injury collision record.

SUMMARY

The London Borough of Sutton has asked Surrey County Council to consider extending the existing 30mph speed limit in Sutton Lane, Banstead by 150m southwards from its existing terminal point near the Borough boundary. In March 2012, the Local Committee deferred a making a decision on this issue, requesting additional information be provided. This report provides the additional information requested by Members and recommends that approval is now given to proceed with the 30mph speed limit extension and associated works. LB Sutton has given the undertaking that they would fund the scheme and pay for future maintenance, an undertaking that would need to be formalised in an agreement between Surrey and Sutton.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:

- (i) Agree that the 30mph speed limit in Sutton Lane, Banstead be extended by 150m south towards Banstead, supported by the provision of a Vehicle Activated Sign, subject to a formal

agreement with the London Borough of Sutton regarding funding of the scheme and future maintenance of the Vehicle Activated Sign;

- (ii) Authorise the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit change, and subject to no objections being upheld, the Order be made; and
- (iii) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the local Divisional Member, to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The junction of Sutton Lane/Downs Road/Cotswold Road in the London Borough of Sutton has been identified as having a poor personal injury collision record and Sutton has recently carried out accident remedial works at the junction.
- 1.2 LB Sutton has approached Surrey County Council to request the extension of the existing 30mph speed limit in Sutton Lane southwards by a distance of approximately 150metres, towards Banstead. They have also requested the provision of a Vehicle Activated Sign that would display the 30mph speed roundel and the message 'Slow Down'. These measures would act to reduce vehicle speeds further in advance of the junction. A plan showing the terminal point of the existing 30mph speed limit and the proposed terminal point is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 1.3 A report to the March meeting of Local Committee seeking approval to extend the 30mph speed limit was deferred and Members asked for additional information to be provided.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 During discussions at the March Local Committee meeting, Members wished to know how many accidents had taken place on the existing National Speed Limit section of Sutton Lane. It can be confirmed that there have been 3 reported personal injury accidents along this section of Sutton Lane over the past 3 years (including year to date to February). All involved single vehicles, each with a specific and non-related causal factor. Speed was not recorded as a contributory factor in any of these collisions.
- 2.2 Members raised concerns that many of the problems at the junction of Sutton Lane/Downs Road/Cotswold Road were caused by parked cars in Downs Road in the London Borough of Sutton. The junction is within a controlled parking zone. There are existing restrictions on all arms of

the junction and LB Sutton officers are not aware of obstructive parking taking place at the junction. Sutton officers have confirmed that of the 5 personal injury accidents at the junction, most are the result of vehicles failing to give-way. Parking was not a contributory factor in any of the accidents.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Police and they have no objections as the proposed extension of the 30mph limit is for only 150 metres and includes other measures such as VAS and extra carriageway markings.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of changing a speed limit includes legal advertisement costs associated with the statutory process, together with the costs of design and implementation. Electrical works and possible changes to the road markings would also be required. Whilst likely costs are difficult to establish until a design is available, it is likely that an extension of the 30mph speed limit in Sutton Lane would cost about £6,500. The cost of a Vehicle Activated Sign is estimated to be about £4,000.
- 4.2 The London Borough of Sutton has indicated that they would meet all the costs of this proposal. They have also agreed to meet future maintenance costs associated with the VAS. No further work will take place on this scheme until a formal agreement is in place confirming this undertaking.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Highway Service is mindful of its needs within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 A well-managed highway network can reduce fear of crime and allow the Police greater opportunity to carry out their enforcement duties.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The extension of the existing 30mph speed limit in Sutton Lane southwards by a distance of approximately 150metres, towards Banstead, would reduce vehicle speeds further in advance of the

junction of Sutton Lane with Cotswold Road and Downs Road that has a poor personal injury collision record.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 To reduce vehicle speeds on the approach to a junction with a poor personal injury collision record.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Once a formal undertaking is made by the London Borough of Sutton regarding the funding of the works and future maintenance, the Speed Limit Order will be advertised and, subject to there being no objections, the order will be made and the revised speed limit and accompanying measures implemented.

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