



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(RUNNYMEDE)**

**Foxhills Road Speed Limit**

**1 November 2010**

**KEY ISSUES**

To seek authorisation to advertise proposed speed limit changes in Foxhills Road, Ottershaw.

**SUMMARY**

Speed limit assessments were recently completed in the Ottershaw area in response to a petition received in February 2010.

As reported to Committee in July 2010, speed limit changes would be possible in Foxhills Road, and would be supported by Surrey Police.

Funding has now been identified to implement these changes. Authorisation from Committee is now required to draft and advertise the necessary traffic regulation order.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Authorise the advertisement of a traffic regulation order to make changes to the speed limit in Foxhills Road as detailed in Section 2 below, and shown in **Annex A**;
- (ii) That any objections should be considered and resolved by the Area Team Manager for the North West area in consultation with the Divisional Member and Chairman, but if any objections prove insurmountable, that the matter is reported to Committee;
- (iii) That once any objections have been considered and resolved, that the order be made and the changes implemented;

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A petition from residents of Ottershaw was received by the Local Committee in February 2010 with 54 signatories, stating:

*"We the undersigned call upon our local and Surrey County Councils to reduce the speed limit along Foxhills Road, and implement traffic calming measures outside the entrance to Ottershaw Memorial Fields."*

- 1.2 In response to this petition, Surrey County Council completed a speed assessments for Foxhills Road in consultation with Surrey Police.
- 1.3 Surrey County Council's speed limit policy is currently under review. The speed assessment was completed according to the existing policy.
- 1.4 Details of the speed assessment were reported to Committee in July 2010.

## 2.0 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The proposed changes to the speed limits in Foxhills Road are shown in **Annex A**. Foxhills Road currently has a 30mph section within the village, and a National Speed Limit section between the village and Stonehill Road.
- 2.2 It is proposed to extend the 30mph section away from the village by approximately 100m to improve visibility of the signs when approaching from Foxhills.
- 2.3 It is proposed to reduce the speed limit in the National Speed Limit section to 40mph. This is the section between Stonehill Road and a point approximately 100m to the north of the existing 30mph terminal. This would encourage reduced speeds past the entrance to the Memorial Field and also provide a buffer on the approach to the village. The Memorial Field is a council recreation ground, with a nursery and scout hut accessible from the car park.

## 3.0 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Surrey Police were consulted and would support the changes detailed above. The Divisional Member has been consulted and also supports the proposed changes. If Committee authorise the advertisement of a traffic regulation order to make the changes detailed above, local residents would be informed.

## 4.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of changing any speed limit includes legal advertisement costs associated with the statutory process, together with the costs to design and install the new signs.
- 4.2 Where existing National Speed Limits are reduced to 40mph there is also a requirement to replace the road markings. The cost for changing road markings would include: removal of existing, placement of new, and traffic management (which may involve road closures). It may also include replacing cat's eyes.
- 4.3 It is estimated that the cost of drafting and advertising the traffic regulation order is approximately £1,000. An application has been made to pay this element of the cost from the Divisional Member's individual Member Allocation.
- 4.4 The cost of the physical works is estimated to be £3,000. Funding for these works has been identified from developer contributions in the vicinity.

**5.0 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.

**6.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 A well-managed highway network can reduce fear of crime and allow the Police greater opportunity to enforce speed controls.

**7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 This report details proposed speed limit changes in Foxhills Road. These changes arise out of a speed assessment in Foxhills Road, which was conducted in response to a petition from residents.

7.2 The petition received in February 2010 suggests that the local community is concerned for safety on account of traffic speeds in Foxhills Road. The proposed changes may encourage reduced traffic speeds, and may therefore mitigate the residents' concerns.

**8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 To be able to change the speed limits in Foxhills Road as detailed above, a Traffic Regulation Order must be advertised and made. Committee must give authorisation for this legal process to go ahead.

**9.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

9.1 The Traffic Regulation Order would be drafted and advertised.

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