



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE TANDRIDGE

### SPEED LIMIT REVIEWS ON ROADS IN TANDRIDGE

14 DECEMBER 2007

#### KEY ISSUE

To reconsider progress on the top priorities for speed limit reviews on public highways in Tandridge.

#### SUMMARY

There are many requests for reduced speed limits on roads in Tandridge. Many revised limits have been implemented and work continues on the higher priority sites. This report gives an update on work currently being progressed. The report recommends that further work is carried out to provide a prioritisation system for speed limit reviews in Tandridge.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee for Tandridge is asked to agree that:

- (i) a prioritisation system is considered for speed limit reviews in Tandridge and a further report be provided to the Committee.
- (ii) a revised speed limit of 40mph for Flower Lane, Godstone be progressed with the area scheme for Woldingham, but without any further delay to that scheme.
- (iii) the proposal for a revised limit of 30mph for the A22 through South Godstone be progressed as a priority.

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A report on speed management was considered by the Local Committee at a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006. The report set out to recognise many of the initiatives to address traffic speed management in Tandridge. The Local Committee agreed to continue to support the speed management initiative to target specific routes through the use of education, enforcement, engineering and monitoring techniques. It was agreed that 70% of available resources should be allocated to the targeted specific routes. It was agreed that 30% of available resources should be allocated to village area schemes such as Woldingham, Chelsham & Farleigh, Tatsfield & Titsey to be progressed as funding permits. All other speed limit reviews were to be reported to the Local Committee.
- 1.2 This report is concerned with speed limit reviews and specific schemes are listed below in section 3. Other initiatives will need to be included in further reports to the Local Committee. Topics will include the targeted specific routes, Community Speed Watch, Vehicle Activated Signs, publicity campaigns including use of signs, and the Safety Camera Partnership.
- 1.3 Lowering a speed limit without other measures may not be effective at reducing actual speeds. Surrey County Council's Speed Management Policy describes a process for identifying and dealing with locations where speed is a problem using a range of possible measures. There is a prescribed process for determining appropriate speed limits for Surrey roads.

## 2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Many calls for speed limit reductions are related to a desire for lower traffic speeds. There are many roads and locations in Tandridge where requests for improved road safety are accompanied by suggestions of reduced speed limits. Examples are Harts Lane in Godstone and Outwood Lane in Bletchingley. To be progressed for assessment, any such request would need to be supported by the local County Councillor and then be prioritised above other sites.
- 2.2 The assessment of an appropriate speed limit for a site might confirm that the existing limit is in accordance with the County's policy. It is helpful if it is generally understood that a lower limit may not be appropriate unless other measures would be implemented alongside the revised limit.

## 3 OPTIONS

The following is a list of locations where speed limit reviews have been proposed.

### 3.1 FELBRIDGE AREA

The Local Committee agreed that speed limit reductions in the Felbridge area could be progressed. The proposals include changing the 40mph limit to 30mph on the A264 Copthorne Road, Crawley Down Road, Mill Lane and

Tangle Oak. The proposals need to be advertised by formal notice coordinated with West Sussex County Council's legal Order.

- 3.2 SMALLFIELD ROAD, PLOUGH ROAD AND CROYDON BARN LANE  
The signs to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph were erected this year and the legal Order becomes operational on 7th December.
- 3.3 WOLDINGHAM AREA  
Speed limit revisions for the Woldingham area have been agreed by the Local Committee. The proposals were sent to Woldingham Parish Council and surrounding Parish Councils for consultation. The proposals did not include revising the speed limit in Flower Lane from 60mph to 40mph. Surrey Police have confirmed their support for this suggestion, which would complete the rationalisation of speed limits in the area. The Local Committee is requested to agree a recommendation for the suggested revision to the speed limit in Flower Lane.  
The formal notice for advertisement of the required Traffic Regulation Order for the area scheme has been prepared for publication in the next few weeks. The addition of Flower Lane will not delay the process. A works order will be placed with the intention of implementing the new speed limits in Spring 2008.
- 3.4 TATSFIELD AND TITSEY AREA  
Tatsfield and Titsey is an area intended for a review of speed limits. Existing traffic speeds have been measured and proposals formulated in accordance with the County Council's speed limit policy. The next stage would be to undertake consultations with a view to a recommendation to the Local Committee to formally advertise the proposals.
- 3.5 CHELSHAM AND FARLEIGH AREA  
Chelsham and Farleigh is another area intended for a review of speed limits. The next stage would be to undertake traffic speed surveys before formulating proposals in accordance with the County Council's speed limit policy.
- 3.6 CHALDON AREA  
Chaldon is another area intended for a review of speed limits. The next stage would be to undertake traffic speed surveys before formulating proposals in accordance with the County Council's speed limit policy.
- 3.7 CHURCH ROAD, HORNE  
A request was received from Horne Parish Council concerning traffic in Church Road conflicting with parents dropping off/picking up children from the Old School. A reduction in vehicle speed limit was suggested.
- 3.8 ST PIERS LANE, LINGFIELD  
Surrey Police have suggested a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on the section of St Piers Lane between the existing 20mph limit at the school and Racecourse Road.
- 3.9 A22, SOUTH GODSTONE  
Godstone Parish Council have requested a reduction in speed limit on the A22 in South Godstone from 40mph to 30mph. The Parish Council has indicated they may be in a position to fund the advertising and works costs. This scheme has been nominated as a priority.
- 3.10 A22, BLINDLEY HEATH

Godstone Parish Council have requested a reduction in speed limit on the A22 in Blindley Heath to 30mph.

3.11 TATSFIELD VILLAGE

A 20mph speed limit along Ship Hill and Approach Road has been suggested in association with the proposed school development in Tatsfield.

3.12 ROOK LANE

A 20mph limit in the vicinity of St Peter & St Paul School has been suggested.

3.13 A25 WESTERHAM ROAD

A reduction of the existing 60mph limit has been requested.

3.14 CHURCH HILL AND NUTFIELD ROAD, NUTFIELD MARSH

A reduction of the existing speed limit has been requested.

## 4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The Chairman, Vice-chairman, local Member and Parish Council have been provided with a draft copy of this report.

## 5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 An allocation from the Local Transport Plan budget for Integrated Transport was agreed by the Local Committee in June 2007.

## 6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None significant.

## 7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Initiatives to reduce traffic speed and improve safety should discourage speeding drivers. Appropriate speed limits are more likely to be self-enforcing.

## 8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 There are many requests for reduced speed limits on roads in Tandridge. Many revised limits have been implemented and work continues on the higher priority sites.
- 8.2 A 40mph speed limit for Flower Lane would be appropriate within the scheme for the Woldingham Area.

- 8.3 A 30mph limit for the A22 at South Godstone could be assessed as a priority.
- 8.4 The report recommends that further work be carried out to provide a prioritisation system for speed limit reviews in Tandridge. The proposals for Flower Lane and the A22 at South Godstone are also recommended.

## 9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Outstanding requests for reduced speed limits should be prioritised to ensure that limited resources are deployed effectively.
- 9.2 The revised limit for Flower Lane can be progressed within the Woldingham scheme without further delay to that scheme.
- 9.3 The proposal for a 30mph speed limit on the A22 in South Godstone has been nominated as an urgent need, supported by the Parish Council's willingness to fund.

## 10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 A prioritisation system for speed limit reviews in Tandridge will be considered and a further report provided for the Local Committee.
- 10.2 Top priority speed limit proposals will continue to be progressed.

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