



20 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN SANDY HILL, FARNHAM

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)
8 June 2007**

KEY ISSUE:

To agree to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Sandy Hill, Farnham.

SUMMARY:

In 2003, Farnham Town Council commissioned the TRL (Transport Research Laboratory) to investigate improving the environment for residents of the Sandy Hill estate in Upper Hale. TRL produced a report recommending various 'psychological' traffic calming measures, aimed at encouraging responsible driving within the estate.

One of the key measures identified by TRL was the introduction of gateway at the entrances to the estate, aimed at promoting a sense of place. Farnham Town Council has recently completed the installation of these gateways.

This report seeks authority to build on the work already completed by introducing a 20mph speed limit throughout the estate.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee (Waverley) should:

1. Authorise the Local Highway Manager to progress a traffic order for a 20mph speed limit on the Sandy Hill estate.
2. Authorise the installation of appropriate road markings.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

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1. Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and Farnham Town Council have established a partnership to improve social conditions on the Sandy Hill Estate. The other key stakeholder in this partnership is the Pavilion Housing Association, which manages around half of the dwellings on the estate, the remainder being owner-occupier.
2. A number of initiatives have been established as part of an on-going community development programme, including the refurbishment of 'The Bungalow' community building, and the appointment of a Community Development Worker.
3. The Town Council commissioned a report by TRL on how the environment on the estate roads might be improved. This recommended alterations to on-street parking provision, and low-key traffic calming, based on signs and road markings rather than physical measures.
4. Gateways at the entrances to the estate have very recently been completed, and it is considered that the traffic calming suggested by TRL should now be introduced, including a 20mph speed limit on all roads within the estate, reinforced by coloured banding and roundels laid in the carriageway.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

5. Costs associated with any changes would be met from the devolved capital allocation for speed management.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:

6. The measures are aimed at deterring instances of inappropriate speeding, which can be considered an antisocial behaviour.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS:

7. The Committee will be aware that Sandy Hill is one of the most disadvantaged areas in Waverley and that, as such, it has been a focus for self-reliance activity on the part of County Council services over a number of years, as part of a successful multi-agency project. Traffic calming has been identified by residents as a significant factor in improving safety and quality of life in this densely populated neighbourhood.

CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

8. To build on the work which has already completed aimed at improving the environment and social amenity for residents of the estate.

