



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

**NEW SPEED LIMITS:
ELMBRIGE ROAD & ALFOLD ROAD, CRANLEIGH
DUNSFOLD ROAD, ALFOLD**

14 DECEMBER 2007

KEY ISSUE

To seek approval for the introduction of lower speed limits on Elmbridge Road, Alfold Road and Dunsfold Road.

SUMMARY

At the request of the Committee speed limits assessments have been completed for the roads above, and approval is now sought to proceed with introducing them.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The intention of the County Council to make an Order under Sections 84, 85 & 86 and Part III and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose either a 30mph or 40mph speed limit on the following roads, subject to consultation with the Surrey Police, be advertised and that if no objections are maintained, the Order be made:

30mph Speed Limit

B2130 Elmbridge Road from a suitable point in the vicinity of the access road to the Cranleigh Purification Works to the junction with the B2128 Guildford Road (and that the signed 40mph limit between the Works and Nanhurst crossroads be retained).

D182 Alfold Road from its junction with Elmbridge Road to a suitable point in the vicinity of the access to West Cranleigh Nurseries.

D182 Elm Park (off Elmbridge Road)

D182 Wyndham Crescent (off Elmbridge Road)

D182 Stanton Close (off Elmbridge Road)

D182 Elm Grove (off Elmbridge Road)

D702 Westdene Meadows (off Elmbridge Road)

D683 Lashmere (off Elmbridge Road)

D696 Vine Works Road (off Alfold Road)

B2128 between its junction with Elmbridge Road and a point approximately 100 metres to the north west of the junction.

B2128 High Street from its junction with Elmbridge Road to a point approximately 80 metres to the south east of the junction (the location of the current 30mph limit).

40mph Speed Limit

C35 Dunsfold Road from its junction with Loxwood Road to point approximately 70 metres to the west of its junction with Three Compasses Lane.

D181 Three Compasses Lane.

- (ii) The consideration and resolution of any objections or representations received as a result of advertising and consultation for the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders be delegated to the Local Highways Manager in association with the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and relevant local councillors.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its previous meeting on 14 September 2007 the Committee approved reduced speed limits on a number of roads in Cranleigh and Alfold. The committee also asked that officers carry out speed limit assessments on two further roads: the B2128 Elmbridge Road between the access to the water purification works and Nanhurst Crossroads, and the C35 Dunsfold Road between Loxwood Road and Dunsfold Aerodrome.
- 1.2 These assessments have been completed in consultation with Surrey Police officers.
- 1.3 The signed 40mph limit on Elmbridge Road is considered appropriate and complies with Surrey's Speed Management Policy, which provides guidance on establishing speed limits. This guidance indicates that in rural areas, 30mph limits are reserved for villages, or settlements that have the appearance of a village. 40mph limits should be used for rural roads with a lower degree of roadside development, or used as a 'buffer' on the outskirts of a 30mph village, where the housing is less dense. The section of Elmbridge Road west of the purification works does not have the appearance of a village, but of a tree lined country road with scattered accesses, hence a 30 limit is not considered appropriate. It is noted, however, that the Cranleigh and Eastern Villages Transportation Task Group has expressed a preference for extending the 30mph limit in this way.
- 1.4 Dunsfold Road is currently subject to a 60mph speed limit from its junction with Loxwood Road. However, there are dwellings on either both sides of the road, or on one side only, for a distance of 450 metres from the junction, forming the outskirts of Alfold village. The road then continues for between fields and woods for around 300 metres before it bends very sharply to the left at its junction with Three Compasses Lane, which continues almost as the road ahead. From the junction to the aerodrome gates, there is a public house, access to a mobile home park, and the road has a 'developed' feel. It is proposed that the 40mph limit in Loxwood Road is extended into Dunsfold Road to cover the left hand bend at the junction, and also the entire length of Three Compasses Lane.
- 1.5 The proposed 30mph limits in Elmbridge Road (east of the purification works) and Alfold Road were addressed and discussed in the report to committee in September. However, a formal resolution was omitted from that report, and so is included here.

2 CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 If approved, the revised speed limits will be advertised along with those previously approved for roads in Cranleigh and Alfold.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to agree the proposed speed limits and officers advise that an extension of the 30mph limit to the west of the purification works in Elmbridge Road would not comply with the County Council's Speed Management Policy.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The Police support the proposed speed limits.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Funding has been allocated in the current financial year to implement these lower speed limits.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 No specific implications.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Lower speed limits can contribute to resident's sense of security. Exceeding a posted speed limit is an offence, which attracts fines and/or license points.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The committee is asked to note the contents of this report, and approve the revised limits.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The proposed limits comply with Surrey's Speed Management Policy.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 If approved, the revised speed limits will be advertised.

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