



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

**TRAFFIC ORDER FOR THE SIGNED SPEED LIMIT ON THE
A287 HINDHEAD ROAD, HINDHEAD**

12 SEPTEMBER 2008

KEY ISSUE

The signed 50mph speed limit on the A287 Hindhead Road does not have a formal Traffic Order, and introducing such an order requires the formal authorisation of this committee.

SUMMARY

The section of road in question has a signed speed limit for which there is no Traffic Order in place, meaning that the limit is not enforceable. Authority is sought to advertise and make the order necessary for this signed limit to become enforceable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree:

- (i) That 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 a 50mph speed limit on the section of the A287 Hindhead Road, Haslemere described in paragraph 1.3 (below) be advertised and that, if no objections are maintained, the Order be made.
- (ii) That the consideration and resolution of any objections or representations received as a result of advertising and consultation for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order 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 DISCUSSION

- 1.1 Currently, the A287 Hindhead Road is signed as having a 40mph limit from the junction with the A3 London Portsmouth trunk road to the junction with Heather Way, approximately 80 metres to the south of this junction. The signed speed limit then changes to 50mph, extending south to Critchmere, where the signed limit changes to 30mph.
- 1.2 The section of the A287 from the junction with Heather Way south to the access to Nutcombe House (a distance of approximately 650 metres) has a legal speed limit of 30mph (not 50mph as currently signed), and the 50mph signs here will be removed since they are incorrect.
- 1.3 From the access to Nutcombe House south towards Critchmere, a traffic order is required to back the signed 50mph limit, since no such order exists at present. The formal authorisation of this Committee is required before a Traffic Order to back the signed 50mph speed limit can be advertised and brought into effect.

2 CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 As above

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The Police will be formally consulted. Local police officers have indicated support for an order backing the signed speed limit.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The estimated cost of advertising and making the orders and is £1,000, which will have to be met from the Committee's 2008/09 budget.
- 4.2 There will be no implementation/installation costs. All new speed limit signs will be provided and funded by the Highways Agency (HA), in conjunction with the provision of a new controlled pedestrian/equestrian crossing on the Hindhead Road. This crossing is one of the measures being provided by HA on the County Council's network in association with the A3 Hindhead Tunnel.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 No specific implications.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Once the order is made, the 50mph signed speed limit will be formalised.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The signed 50mph speed limit is considered appropriate for the character of the Hindhead Road.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 To formalise the signed 50mph speed limit.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

9.1 Advertise and make the traffic order.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None