

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON THE A286 AT BROOK VILLAGE AND TILFORD ROAD, BEACON HILL

12 DECEMBER 2008

KEY ISSUE

To authorise the introduction of 30mph speed limits on sections of two roads which are currently subject to 40mph limits.

SUMMARY

It is proposed to introduce a 30mph on part of Tilford Road as a component of a developer-funded traffic-calming scheme.

It is proposed to introduce a 30mph limit on the A286 through Brook village in conjunction with measures aimed at regulating speeds.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:

- Approve the introduction of a 30mph speed limit on a section of the A286 Haslemere Road through Brook village, subject to the formal agreement of Surrey Police.
- (ii) Approve the introduction of a 30mph speed limit on a section of the C28 Tilford Road at Beacon Hill, subject to the formal agreement of Surrey Police.

1 BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Tilford Road

- 1.1 Developer funding has been secured towards the introduction of a traffic-calming scheme on the Tilford Road at Beacon Hill. The scheme, which is the subject of a section 106 agreement, comprises the introduction of a mini-roundabout at the junction with Wood Road, and a number of local road narrowings, or 'chokes'. In conjunction with these physical features, the speed limit would be reduced from 40mph to 30mph.
- 1.2 There have been a number of meetings with the local community over the past 18 months to discuss the scheme in some detail, and there is a good level of local support.
- 1.3 Surrey Police have been informally consulted and feel that it would be appropriate to reduce the limit to 30mph in combination with the installation of the traffic calming. In the absence of such traffic calming they would question reducing the speed limit in isolation, since this in itself may not influence driver speeds.
- 1.4 It is unlikely that the available developer monies will fund the scheme in full, and the Local Highways Manager will discuss options for part-implementation, or additional funding, with the local Member.

A286 Haslemere Road

- 1.5 The Committee's current year programme includes reducing the speed limit on the A286 through Brook village from 40mph to 30mph, and introducing low cost speed reduction measures.
- 1.6 Again Surrey Police have been informally consulted and indicated that they would expect to see the introduction of other measures to regulate speeds before supporting this reduction.

2 CONSULTATIONS

2.1 Formal consultations would be carried out as part of the traffic order process required to reduce speed limits.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Earlier in the year, the Committee allocated £10,000 towards reducing the speed limit through Brook village, and associated speed reduction measures.
- 3.2 Developer funding is in place to fund reducing the speed limit on Tilford Road.

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4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 No specific implications.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Lower vehicle speeds engender an improved sense of safety and security in local communities.

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 As above

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 As above

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

8.1 The Local Transportation Service will move forward towards implementing the reduced speed limits and associated traffic calming measures.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None