



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

B3001 OLD ELSTEAD ROAD, MILFORD: SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT

16 December 2011

KEY ISSUES

To approve the introduction of a 30mph speed limit on the B3001 Old Elstead Road (currently 60mph).

SUMMARY

In March the Committee included a review of the speed limit in Old Elstead Road in 2011/12 Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) programme. The road has been assessed in accordance with the County Council's Speed Limit Policy, which indicates a 30mph limit is appropriate. This lower limit is supported by Surrey Police.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:

- (i) Note the results of the speed limit assessment.
- (ii) Agree that a 30mph speed limit be introduced on the B3001 Old Elstead Road, Milford.
- (iii) Authorise the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit, change and revoke any existing traffic orders necessary to implement the changes and, subject to no objections being upheld, to make the Order.
- (iv) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the local Divisional Member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

1.0 ANALYSIS

- 1.1 Old Elstead Road is effectively a cul-de-sac which joins the A283 Guildford Road/A3100 Portsmouth Road signal junction. Prior to the construction of the A3 Milford By-Pass, Old Elstead Road formed a continuation of the B3001 Elstead Road.
- 1.2 Manor Lea Road and Amberley Road are cul-de-sacs which join Old Elstead Road and both have 30mph speed limits. Two private roads join Old Elstead Road: Canada Copse which is a cul-de-sac and Amberley Lane, which leads to Lower Moushill Lane.
- 1.3 **Annex A** shows the local road network.
- 1.4 A speed survey has been carried out at the ‘fastest’ part of Old Elstead Road, between the junctions with Manor Lea Road and Amberley Road, the result of which is set out below.

| Direction | Mean (mph) | 85th percentile (mph) |
|------------------|-------------------|---|
| North east bound | 27 | 33 |
| South west bound | 25 | 31 |

- 1.5 During the last five years one personal injury accident (September 2010) has been recorded by the Police, which is not attributed to speed.
- 1.6 Speed limit assessments have been carried out according to Surrey County Council’s Speed Limit Policy (October 2010). The results show that the appropriate speed limit for Old Elstead Road is 30 mph. A 30 mph speed limit will be consistent with the existing speed limits in Manor Lea Road and Amberley Road.

2.0 CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Informal consultation has been carried out with Surrey Police; they support the suggestions resulting from the assessment, that the current national speed limit should be lowered to a 30 mph which is the most appropriate speed in accordance with the nature of the road.
- 2.2 Depending on the decision of this committee, as described above, the proposals will be statutorily advertised.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The estimated cost of advertising and making the Traffic Regulation Order and implementing a 30mph speed limit is £5,000. Funding will be from the 2011/12 ITS budget allocated to this committee.

4.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Highway Service is mindful of its needs within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding.

5.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A well-managed highway network can reduce fear of crime and allow the Police greater opportunity to enforce speed controls.

6.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Given the speed assessment and speed survey results it is recommended that the existing national speed limit on Old Elstead Road be reduced to 30 mph.

7.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Recommendations have been made based upon existing policy.

9.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

9.1 Subject to approval and consideration of any objections, a 30mph speed limit will be advertised and implemented.

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