



Goose Rye Road – proposed changes to speed limit

19 March 2003

KEY ISSUE:

To consider a reduction in the speed limit on that section of Goose Rye Road which lies within the Borough of Woking

SUMMARY:

Guildford Local Transportation Service assessed the speed limit along Goose Rye Road following requests from Guildford local residents. It was found that the appropriate speed limit is 40mph and it is proposed that the speed limit should be reduced from 60mph to 40mph.

CONSULTATIONS:

The proposed reduction in the speed limit on Goose Rye Road came about as a result of requests from local residents in Guildford.

The public will be consulted as part of the legal process when the proposals are advertised in the local press, on street and on the Council's website.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree

- (i) that the Guildford Local Committee advertise the Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the whole length of Goose Rye Road;**
- (ii) that the Guildford Local Transportation Manager, in consultation with the Guildford Local Committee Members, consider and, if possible, resolve any objections to the Order regarding the Guildford section of Goose Rye Road; and**
- (iii) that authority be delegated to the Woking Local Transportation Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, to consider and, if possible, resolve any objections to the Order regarding the Woking section of Goose Rye Road.**

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1 Goose Rye Road runs between the A322 in Guildford Borough and Burdeshott Road in Woking Borough. Most of the road is in fact in the Borough of Guildford. However, the easternmost section (a length of about 370 metres) is within the Borough of Woking. (See location plan, Annex A).
- 2 The Guildford Partnership Area Transportation Committee, at its meeting on 7 November 2001, resolved to reduce the speed limit on Goose Rye Road from 60mph to 40mph. (The road had previously been placed on the Borough's Speed Limit Priority List, following a request from Guildford residents for a reduction in the speed limit). The road has been assessed according to the County Council's Speed Management Policy, and the new limit was found to be appropriate. The proposal also includes The Avenue, which lies wholly within the Guildford local area. (See Plan No. 11447 attached at Annex A).
- 3 There have been a number of personal injury accidents in these roads, some of them speed-related.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 4 As part of Goose Rye Road lies within Woking, it is necessary for this Committee to approve the proposals before the necessary Traffic Regulation Order may be advertised.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5 There are no financial implications for this Committee, as the cost of making and advertising the Order will be borne by the Guildford Local Committee.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 6 The lower speed limit may result in a reduction in speed-related injury accidents in Goose Rye Road and The Avenue.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7 There are no crime and disorder implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8 There are no equalities implications.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9 A request for a lower speed limit in Goose Rye Road has been received from local residents. There have been a number of personal injury accidents, some of them speed-related. The speed limit has been assessed and the appropriate limit is 40mph. It is therefore recommended that the Committee agrees to the proposed

reduction in the speed limit.

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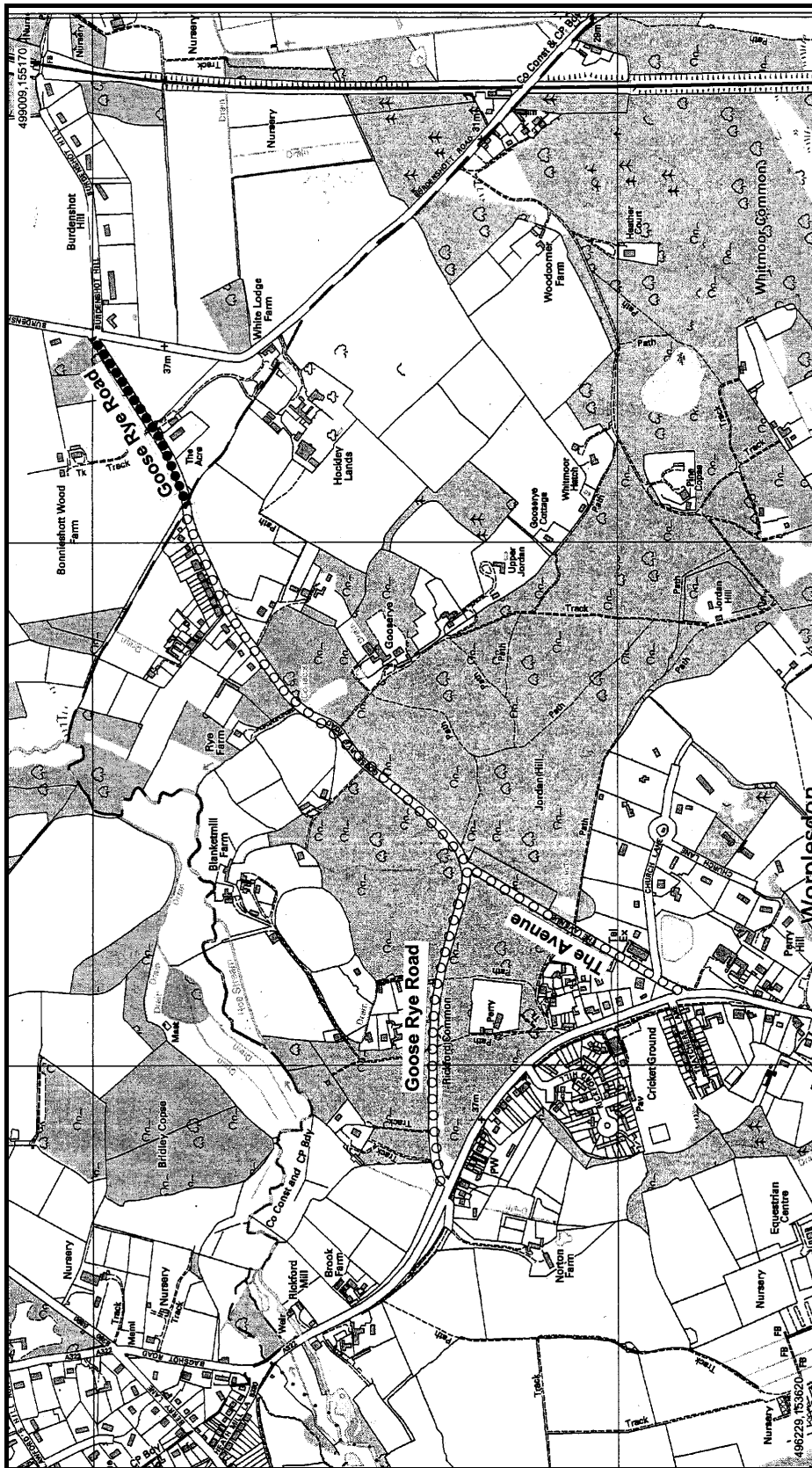
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ANNEX A



Goose Rye Road - Proposed Changes to Speed Limit

	<p>Date: 04/03/2003 Printed by: FH Drawing No.: 11447</p>	<p>Proposed Speed Limit Changes: 40mph [Woking Highway] ●●●●●● 40mph [Guildford Highway] ○○○○</p>	<p>Scale 1:10000</p>	<p> Surrey County Council, LA076872, 1996.</p>	<p><small>*Reproduced from the Ordnance Survey mapping with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office © Crown copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings.</small></p>
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