



Pyrford Area Road Safety Scheme; Results of Consultation and Final Proposals

**Local Committee for Woking
12 June 2003**

KEY ISSUE:

To report on the results of the Pyrford area public consultation on a package of road safety measures that were proposed in Item 10 of the Local Committee (Transportation Agenda) meeting, 22 January 2003.

SUMMARY:

The proposals for the Pyrford Area, defined as the area bounded by Pyrford Road, Old Woking Road, Pyrford Common Road, Church Hill and Warren Lane, consist of:

- A speed limit reduction from 60mph to 40mph on Church Hill to be extended into Newark Lane as far as the existing 40mph limit and into Upshott Lane,
- An extension of the 30mph limit, with an entrance gateway, into Upshott Lane from the Engliff Lane junction, and
- Gateways at the end of Coldharbour Road and at the end of Oakcroft

Road.

Further proposals have been suggested by Surrey Police to amend signing and alter the Coldharbour Road junction with Oakcroft Road.

People living and working in the area have been consulted on the proposals. Of those responding, ninety percent support the proposals.

CONSULTATIONS:

Residents of the Pyrford area were consulted on 14 April 2003 by a letter, questionnaire and accompanying A4 plans [11402, 11405, 11406 (2-3) and 11464] showing proposals for speed reduction measures [ANNEX A - ANNEX F]. The location plan at Annex G [11402 (2)] shows the area within which residents were consulted. The residents were asked whether or not they were in favour of the package of proposals to reduce vehicle speeds on Coldharbour Road, Oakcroft Road, Church Hill and Upshott Lane.

The questionnaires returned demonstrate an overall response rate of forty one percent. Ninety percent of residents support the package of proposals for the Pyrford area, stressing safety reasons as justification of the decision.

The Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents Association were contacted for their collective views in addition to the residential consultation. The Ward Councillors and Divisional Members, Police and Emergency Services were also consulted on the proposed scheme. Further to comments received from Surrey Police [ANNEX H], additional measures have been incorporated into the proposals.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:

- a. that the scheme and changes be approved for implementation,
- b. that Surrey Police be kept informed of all proposals, and
- c. that residents be informed of the final decision via an informative circular from the Local Transportation Service, Woking, in collaboration with the Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents Association.

Introduction and background

1. Speed surveys were carried out during the summer of 2002 following requests for a safety appraisal of the roads in the Pyrford area [ANNEX B] during the Local Committee meeting held on 1 July 2002.
2. A scheme for the Pyrford area was proposed after speed data had been collected and analysed [see Local Committee (Transportation Agenda) 22 January 2003 Item 10, paragraphs 15 to 24 and Annex D; Agency Transfer Work – Speed Safety Appraisals].
3. An alteration to the proposals outlined in paragraph 22 of Item 10 [see above] has been formed, after consultation with relevant Members [ANNEX F]; the existing 30mph limit on Coldharbour Road is to be extended southwards down Upshott Lane to encompass the new housing development. The remaining measures from the initial proposals are as previously stated.

Analysis and commentary

4. Two thousand one hundred residents in the Pyrford area were consulted on the package of proposals. A total of eight hundred and seventy two questionnaires were returned [forty one percent response rate]. Seven hundred and eighty four respondents [ninety percent] replied in favour of the scheme, stressing the importance of increasing safety for all road users and the need to reduce speeds.
5. Many of the residents who replied in favour of the scheme added that they would support proposals to implement additional, strict traffic calming measures. Three percent of respondents stated that they do not support the proposals because they felt that harsher measures should be implemented. The seven percent of residents who are not in favour of the package of proposals for the Pyrford location claimed that they are against any form of traffic calming or speed restraints in their area.
6. The responses demonstrate full support for the proposals to reduce the speed limits. Additional comments specifically highlight concerns about the Coldharbour Road junction with Oakcroft Road: cars accelerating whilst turning left to continue along Coldharbour Road, a requirement for a dropped kerb pedestrian crossing, concerns about encroaching vegetation, and a request for more effective drainage to be put in place.
7. Further comments request speed restricting measures along the stretch of Coldharbour Road between the junction with Engliff Lane and Oakcroft Road, to reduce the speed limit further around the bend at the Church Hill/Warren Lane junction and to re-site the warning signs for the latter stretch of road to give drivers better warning. Red surfacing is to be carried out on this stretch approaching the junction to increase driver awareness.

8. The Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents Association were contacted for their collective views in addition to the residential consultation. The Residents Association support the speed limit proposals in general. However, they have suggested that the limit be reduced further on Church Hill near the junction with Warren Lane due to safety fears and that a controlled pedestrian crossing be located near the Post Office off Coldharbour Road.
9. Surrey Police and the Emergency Services were contacted with background information and plans during the consultation period. The Emergency Services had no objections to the proposals. Surrey Police support the package of proposals, but request that the signage in the area be assessed in respect to location and cleanliness. The points raised [ANNEX H] have been included in the overall scheme. The Coldharbour Road junction with Oakcroft Road has also been highlighted through safety issues and it was suggested that the junction be realigned [see below]. This is considered to be a worthwhile proposal. All listed issues have been discussed between the Police and Local Transportation Service Officers. The old warning signs mentioned under the first point from Surrey Police have since been removed.
10. The fourth and final issue raised by Surrey Police is the need to reduce vehicle speeds through the Coldharbour Road junction with Oakcroft Road [ANNEX I]. This point was also stressed by a number of residents [see above]. ANNEX J outlines the proposals for alterations to the junction:
 - a. Realignment of the junction mouth to incorporate a single access point rather than two,
 - b. Double yellow lines around the junction to prevent vehicles parking and obscuring sight lines,
 - c. Grassed verge to divert pedestrians safely away from the junction to an uncontrolled crossing point over Coldharbour Road,
 - d. Bollards to prevent vehicles parking on the verge,
 - e. Removal of chevrons and renewal of warning signs, and
 - f. Red surfacing on north and south approach to bend.
11. The plans will also include better drainage, incorporate footway widening in the area shown as well as enforcement for the encroaching hedge to be cut back away from the footway.
12. Woking for Pedestrians have commented that the proposals are welcome and appropriate.

Financial implications

13. Church Hill
The cost remains as the estimation in Item 10, 22 January 2003; £3,000 [2003/04].
14. Oakcroft Road and Coldharbour Road
The cost remains as the estimation in Item 10, 22 January 2003; £7,000 [2003/04]. The existing red surfacing on Upshott Lane near the junction of Engliff Lane is to remain, at no cost, and will act as further traffic calming.
15. The package will be funded from the Local Travel Plan capital programme for 2003/04, as agreed by Committee on 19 March 2003.
16. Coldharbour Road junction with Oakcroft Road
The cost is estimated to be about £15,000. However, as the new Mamoth partnership contract has only been operational for one and a half months, it is too early to accurately predict the outturn cost. It is hoped that there is enough flexibility within the existing programme for this additional proposal to be constructed this year.

Sustainable development implications

17. The package of proposals for the Pyrford Area should result in a reduction of vehicle speeds. This is in compliance with the County Council's LTP targets of reduced noise and pollution associated with motor vehicles and reduced casualties.

Crime & disorder implications

18. The proposals should result in an improved level of compliance with speed limits.

Equalities implications

19. There are no equality implications.

Conclusions and reasons for recommendations

20. Ninety percent of residents support the proposals. Residents have also requested further measures, especially with regard to the Coldharbour Road junction with Oakcroft Road. Three percent of residents in the Pyrford area stated that they support changes to reduce vehicle speeds in the area, but do not support the package of proposals as they stood at consultation, as the measures were not seen to be enough.
21. The Emergency Services, Surrey Police, Woking for Pedestrians and the Residents Association all support the speed limit changes and the proposals in general.
22. Additional suggestions have been proposed to alter the dangerous Coldharbour Road junction with Oakcroft Road. Pedestrian safety was the main reason stated by residents who supported the scheme.
23. The new proposals for Coldharbour Road will reduce vehicle speeds by changing the junction with Oakcroft Road, increasing warning signs around the junction and by incorporating red surfacing on the north and south junction approaches.
24. The package of proposals now encompass:
 - a. Reduction in speed limit to 40mph on Church Hill, extending into Upshott Lane and Newark Lane,
 - b. Gateways introduced at the northern end of Coldharbour Road and Oakcroft Road,
 - c. 30mph speed limit to be extended in Upshott Lane to incorporate the new housing development, retention of the existing red surfacing and new gateway at start of new speed limit, and

Alterations to Coldharbour Road junction with Oakcroft Road, revised signing around the bend, red surfacing to warn drivers, uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and improvements to the footway.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Completed questionnaires received from residents & Item 10; Agency Transfer Work – Speed Safety Appraisals, Local Committee meeting 22 January 2003.

ANNEX A

Covering Letter and Questionnaire

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14 April 2003

Dear Sir or Madam,

Pyrford Area Road Safety Proposals

I am writing to seek your views on a package of proposals for the above locality; defined as the area bounded by Pyrford Road, Warren Lane, Church Hill, Pyrford Common Road and Old Woking Road. Please take a few moments to read the background notes below before completing the enclosed questionnaire and returning it using the pre-paid envelope supplied, by Friday 9 May 2003.

Following concerns expressed by residents about vehicle speeds, Surrey County Council undertook speed survey data collection during the summer of 2002. The resulting proposals aim to address speeding problems within the Pyrford area, focusing on four roads: Church Hill, Coldharbour Road, Oakcroft Road and Upshott Lane; as shown on plans 11405, 11406 [2-3] and 11464 attached. The schemes were approved for consultation at the Local Committee consisting of local County and Borough Councillors, held on 22 January 2003.

The speed limit on Church Hill, leading into Upshott Lane, will be reduced from the present 60mph limit to 40mph; plan 11405 and 11464. The lower speed limit will be extended into Newark Lane as far as the existing 40mph limit.

It is proposed that a "gateway" be introduced on both Coldharbour Road and Oakcroft Road (plan 11405, 2-3). The gateways consist of coloured surfacing and "dragons teeth" road markings (a series of white triangular markings along the carriageway edges). Additionally, the roads will both benefit from the joint Surrey County Council and Surrey Police "Watch your speed" initiative; a poster campaign that informs drivers of the correct speed limit, combined with Police traffic speed monitoring and enforcement. The Police will shortly receive mobile camera units that they will be able to deploy in the area.

The Local Committee will meet again in June 2003 to discuss the outcome of this public consultation and agree whether or not to implement the proposals. At present the works are provisionally scheduled to commence in September 2003.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact John Masson or Fiona Hunt on the above number.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen M Child, Local Transportation Director, Woking



Pyrford Area Road Safety Proposals Questionnaire

Your Name.....

Road Name.....

Post Code.....

Are you a driver? Yes No

Please tick **ONE** box below:

I am in **favour** of the package of proposals to reduce vehicle speeds on Coldharbour Road, Oakcroft Road, Church Hill and Upshott Lane.

Please tell us why.....
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I am **not in favour** of the package of proposals to reduce vehicle speeds on Coldharbour Road, Oakcroft Road, Church Hill and Upshott Lane.

Please tell us why.....
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Signed..... Date.....

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return it using the **pre-paid envelope** provided by **Friday 9th May 2003**.

ANNEX B

Location Plan 11402 [1]



Pyrford Area Road Safety Proposals: Location Plan



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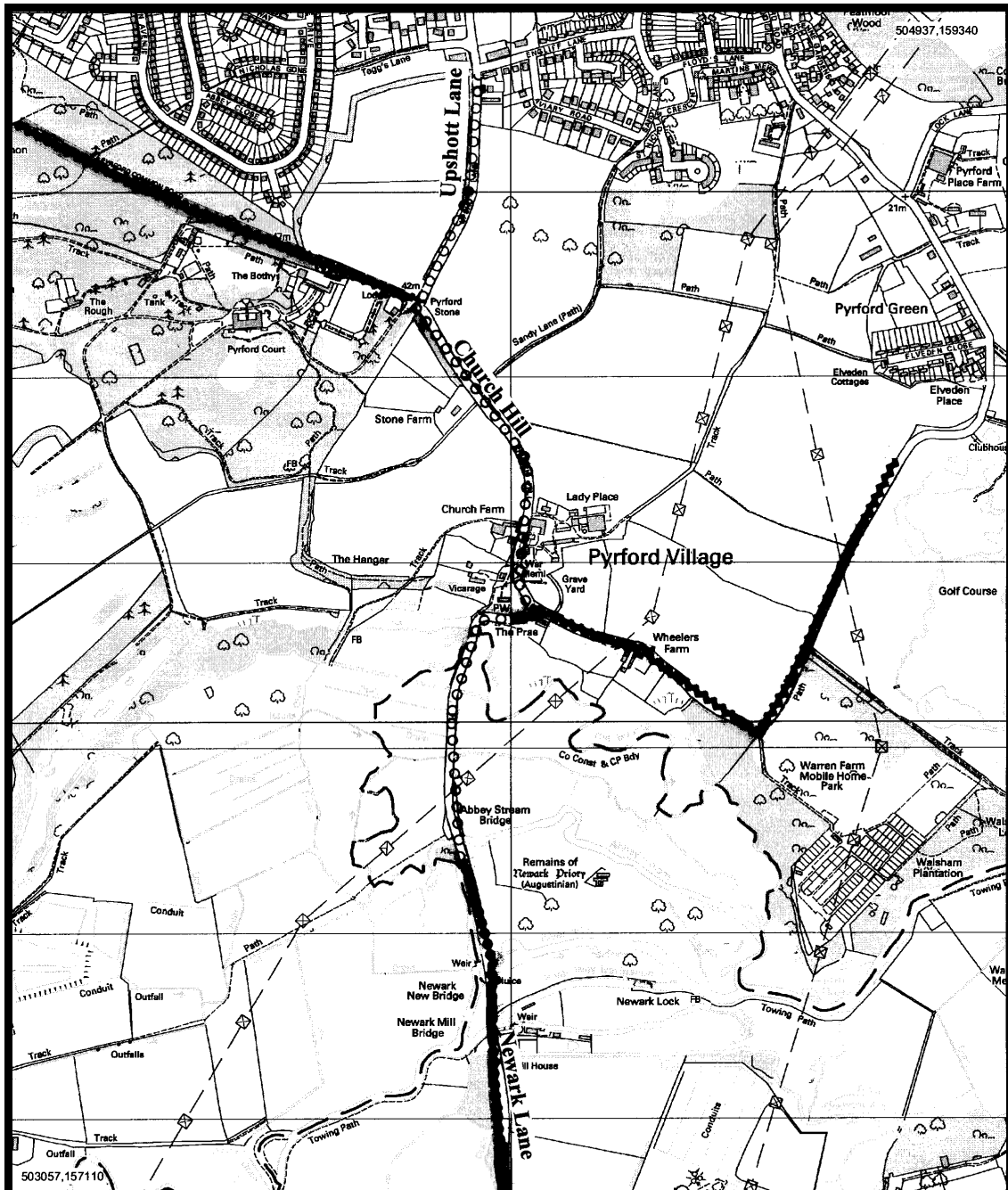
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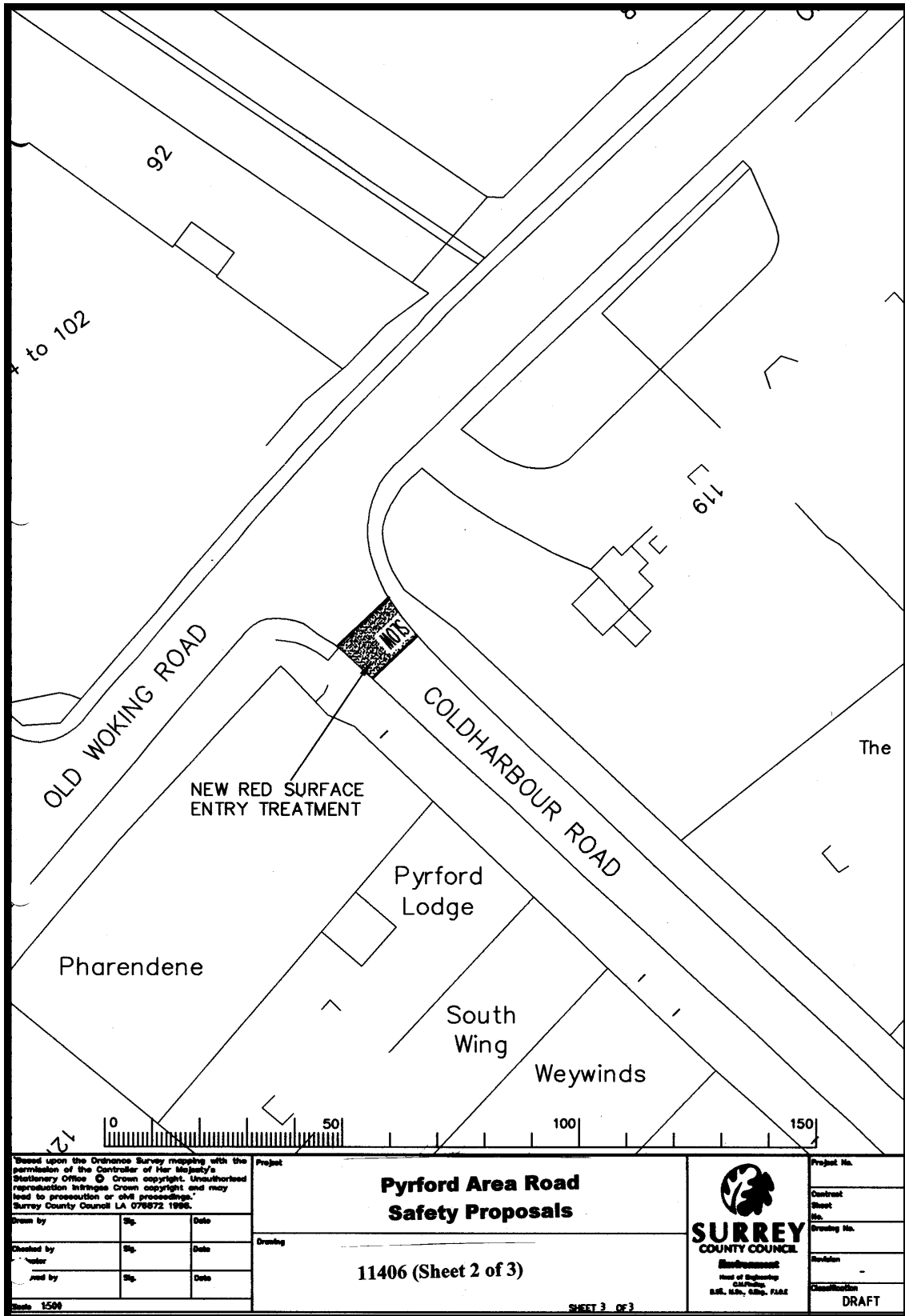
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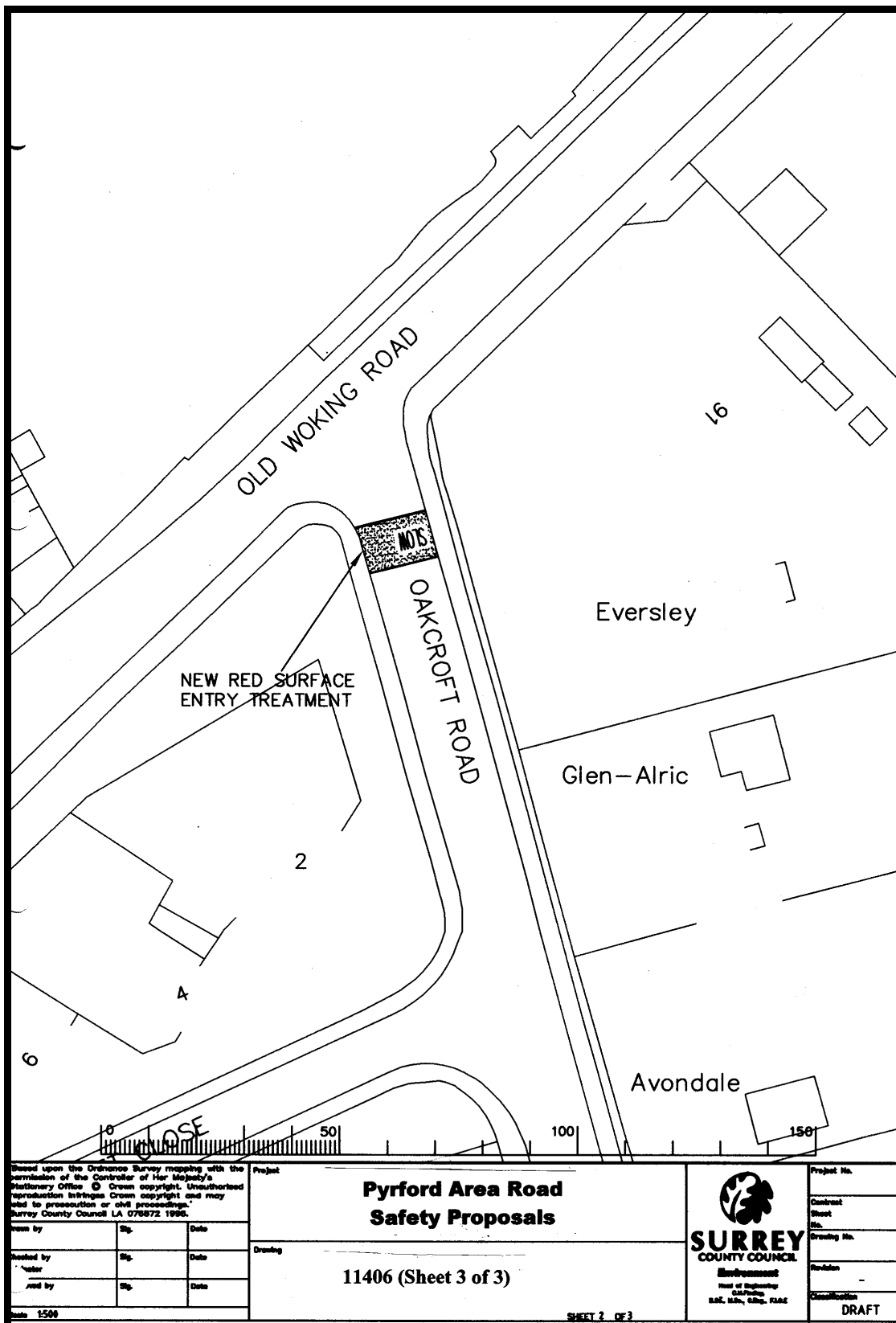
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Plan 11406 (3) [Safety Proposals for Oakcroft Road]



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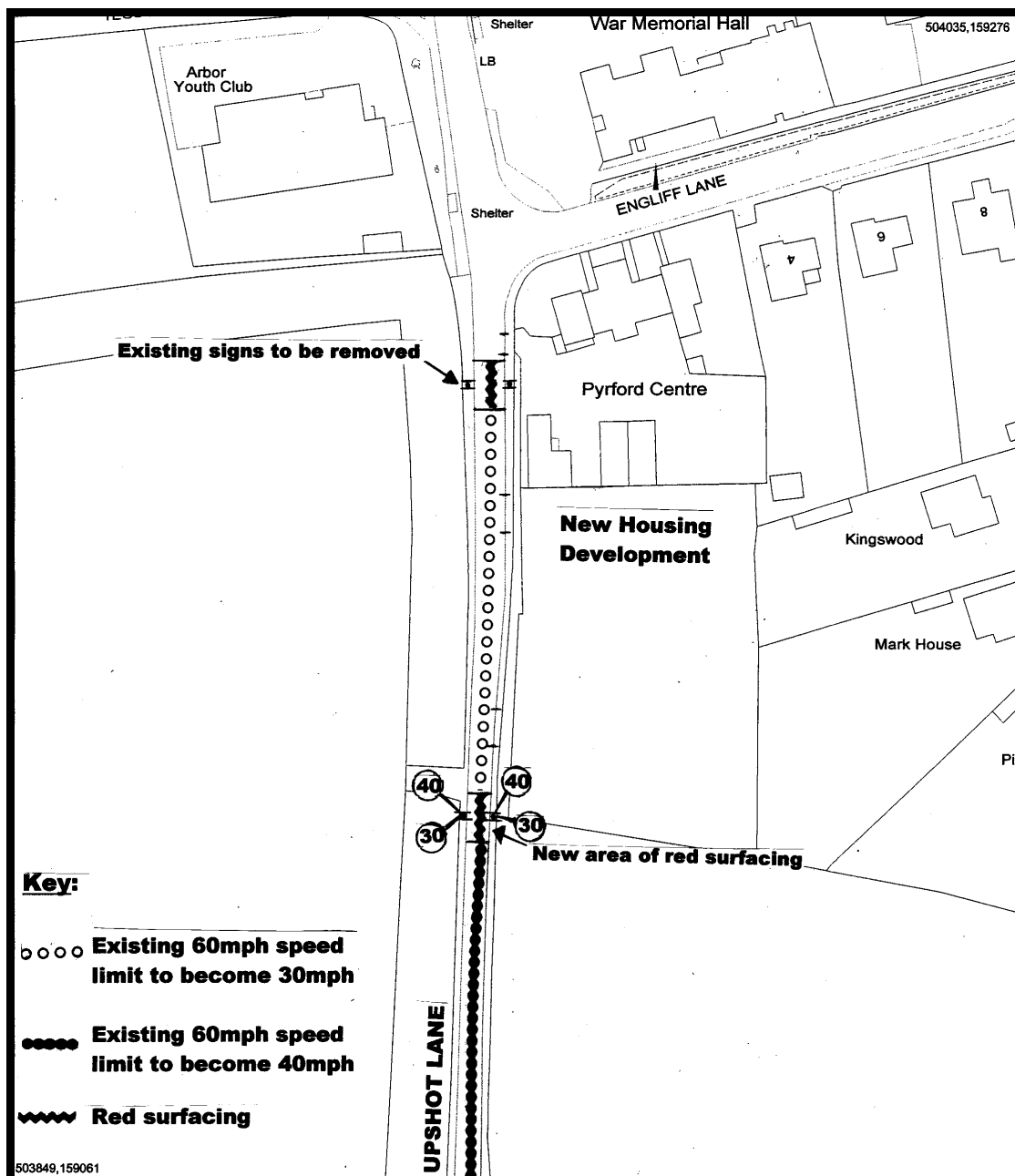
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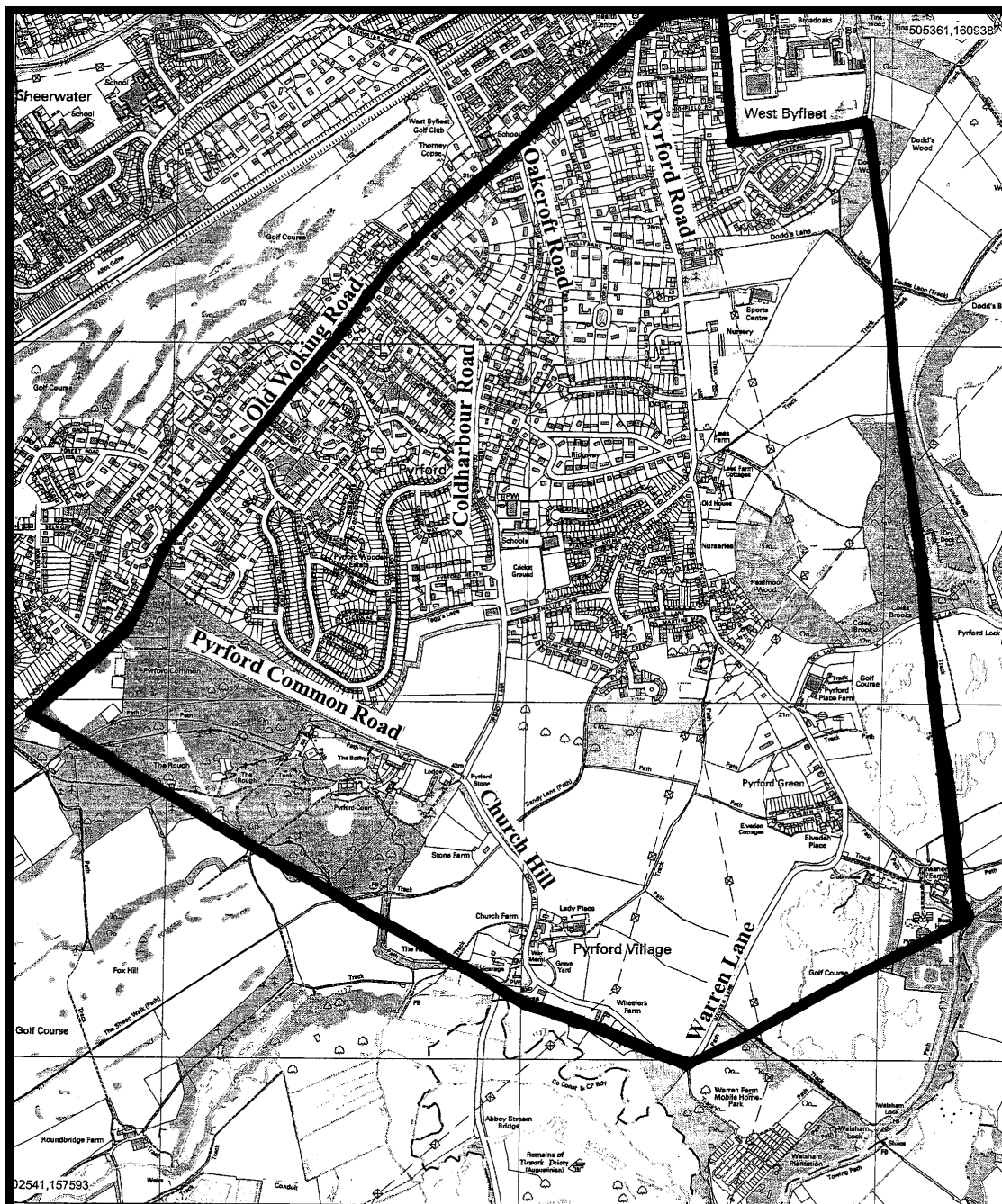


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Upshot Lane, Pyrford - Proposed Changes to Speed Limit

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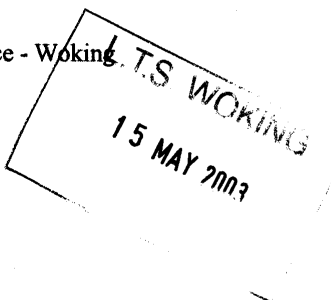
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Letter from PC 564 Keith Ramplin, Surrey Police

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PC 564 Keith Ramplin
 Safety Management Officer
 Woking, Waverley & Guildford Boroughs

9th May 2003

Dear Fiona,

Re: Pyrford Area Road Safety Proposals

Thank you for supplying me with the public consultation letter and plans, dated 16th April. I have taken the opportunity of discussing them with the Woking Casualty Reduction Officer, Pc Tim Brake.

I am happy to advise you that we do not foresee any formal objection to this scheme although this will be subject to viewing the final design plans to be put before your committee in due course.

As you will recall we jointly travelled Upshott Lane, Coldharbour Road and Oakcroft Road this morning with the intention of reviewing the signing currently in situ. I wish to confirm our observations that include;

- The removal of the old signs warning of the school that have subsequently been replaced with yellow backed signs.
- The removal of the chevron boards on Oakcroft Road nearly opposite the junction with Coldharbour Road as they do not appear to serve any purpose.
- The provision of advance warning signs either side of the junctions leading to the section of Coldharbour Road that runs from Oakcroft Road to the junction with Old Woking Road. This is particularly needed on the south bound approach from Oakcroft Road due to the environment of the road and on the north bound approach as the presence of the junctions is obscured by parked vehicles at the relevant school times.
- The viability of reducing the access to said section of Coldharbour Road. Thereby locating a single bell mouth more to the apex of the bend in order to improve visibility and necessitating vehicles having to reduce their speed to negotiate the access.

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With you, making Surrey safer

I hope these matters will be given due consideration and look forward to viewing the final design in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Ramplin', written in a cursive style.

Keith Ramplin PC 564
Safety Management Officer
Woking, Waverley & Guildford Boroughs
Mobile Support Division

Coldharbour Road Junction with Oakcroft Road [11495 [1]]



Coldharbour Road/Oakcroft Road Junction



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Alterations to Coldharbour Road Junction with Oakcroft Road [11495 [2]]

