

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

**DATE: 26 June 2015**

**SUBJECT: PETITION – Speed Limits on Titsey Road, Limpsfield**

**DIVISION: OXTED**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To consider a petition containing 35 signatures – by Mr Ray Haffner.

'We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to.....

- 1.Reduce the speed limit on the section of Titsey Road, Limpsfield between Postings Hill i.e. 42 Titsey Road and the junction of Sandy Lane, from 40mph to 30mph; and
2. To install a speed operated 30mph illuminated sign on the approach to Limpsfield, between Sandy Lane and Postings Hill/ 42 Titsey Road, approximately where the 'Conservation Village' sign is currently placed.

Both measures to improve the safety of the residents of Titsey Road and neighbourhood.'

**RESPONSE:**

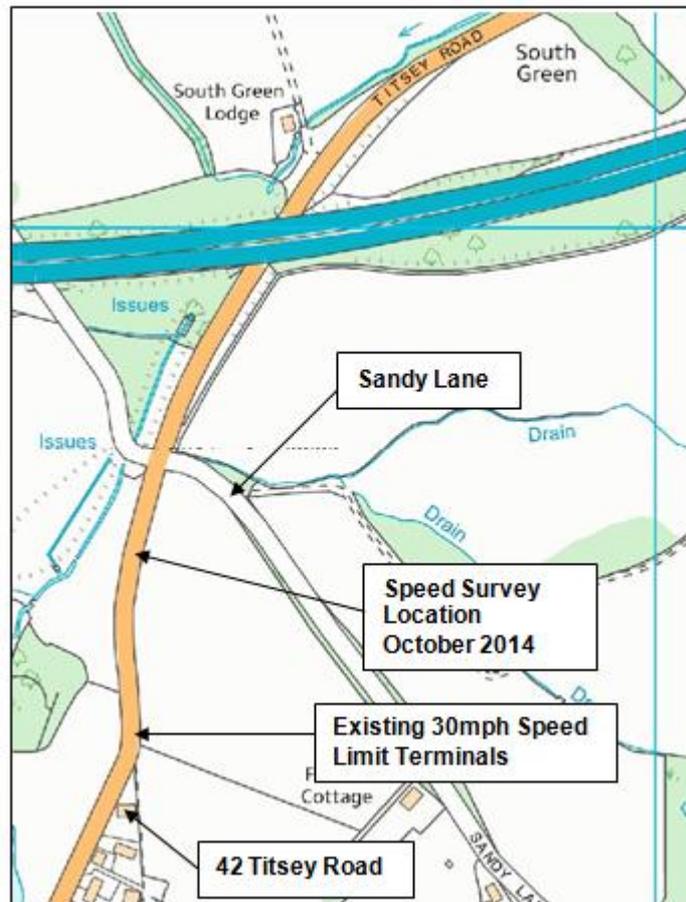
Tandridge Local Committee was pleased to support and fund the recent reduction in the speed limit on Titsey Road/Titsey Hill to 40mph. An after survey will be carried to monitor the success of the scheme, in accordance with Surrey's Speed Limit Policy.

As part of the speed limit reduction on Titsey Road/Titsey Hill, traffic speeds were monitored at a number of locations. One of the sites surveyed was south of Sandy Lane, as shown on the location map below. Recorded mean speeds at this site were 42.5mph northbound and 42.3mph southbound. Work carried out by the Department for Transport has derived formulas from real examples of speed limit changes to predict the likely impact on traffic speeds of a change in speed limit. This work shows that a change in speed limit through signs alone from 60mph (national speed limit) to 40mph for the measured mean speeds quoted above, would achieve a reduction in speeds to 40.1mph.

To reduce the speed limit to 30mph on Titsey Road between the existing terminal signs by 42 Titsey Road north to Sandy Lane, Surrey's speed limit policy requires that existing speeds are 35mph or below. As existing speeds exceed 35mph for this section of Titsey Road, Officers would not recommend that the petitioner's request to lower the speed limit is progressed.

The provision of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the approach to Limpsfield between Sandy Lane and 42 Titsey Road would need to display the speed limit in force on that section of road. The existing speed limit is 40mph and, as set out

above, would not meet the criteria under Surrey's speed limit policy for a reduction to 30mph. Therefore, a VAS would be required to display 40mph, not 30mph as the petitioners' request.



A VAS displaying the 30mph speed limit and the message Slow Down could be sited to the south of the existing 30mph terminal speed limit signs, just prior to the boundary of 42 Titsey Road. The cost of providing such a sign would be in the region of £3,000 plus the cost of electrical connections. There is no funding allocated to progress this proposal at the present time, but if Members were in agreement, funding could be allocated from the ITS allocation for small safety schemes to enable a VAS to be installed at this location.

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