

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)**

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LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER



SUBJECT: DOGHURST LANE & HAZELWOOD LANE, CHIPSTEAD
 PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

DIVISION: BANSTEAD, WOODMANSTERNE & CHIPSTEAD

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Chipstead Residents Association has raised concerns about traffic speeds on roads in Chipstead. As a result the Residents Association commissioned a consultant to look into reducing the speed limit on some of the roads in Chipstead. Following results of speed surveys arranged by the consultant, Chipstead Residents Association are requesting that Surrey County Council progress a speed limit reduction on Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane from 30mph to 20mph. This proposal has not been prioritised for inclusion on the 2017/18 or 2018/19 forward programme of funded highway works. This report outlines actions taken by Officers as a result of this request.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to:**

- (i) Authorise the funding of additional speed surveys on Hazelwood Lane to better inform the feasibility of reducing the speed limit on Hazelwood Lane using signs alone from 30mph to 20mph;
- (ii) If the measured mean speeds on Hazelwood Lane, recorded by the additional surveys in recommendation (i) above, comply with Surrey's Policy to reduce the speed limit using signs alone, authorise that the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane from 30mph to 20mph by signs alone be added to the Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) list for possible future funding.
- (iii) Should funding be provided either by the Residents Association to promote this scheme or the scheme is prioritised over other schemes on the ITS list, and if recommendation (ii) above applies, authorise the Area Highway Team to carry out consultation on the proposed speed limit reduction with the residents of both Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane, and the roads accessed from these roads.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To advise the Local Committee of the work being carried out following the speed surveys arranged by the consultant acting on behalf of Chipstead Residents Association, and to enable further speed surveys to be carried out on Hazelwood Lane to progress the scheme.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Chipstead Residents Association has expressed concerns over traffic speeds on a number of roads in Chipstead.
- 1.2 As a result they commissioned a specialist highways consultant to investigate the possibility of speed limit reductions on some of the roads in Chipstead.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The consultant, employed by the residents association, arranged for a number of speed surveys on the roads in Chipstead. The measured mean speeds on Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane comply with Surrey's Policy "Setting Local Speed Limits" for a signed only speed limit reduction to 20mph.
- 2.2 A plan showing the location of Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 2.3 Surrey Police have been informally consulted on the proposal for a signed only speed limit reduction to 20mph on Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane. The Police support the proposal for a speed limit reduction to 20mph on Doghurst Lane. However they have requested that additional speed data be collected on Hazelwood Lane, as they do not consider that the locations from which the data was collected provides a representative record of the traffic speeds on Hazelwood Lane.
- 2.4 Officers would not recommend that a speed limit on a road is reduced if the Police do not support the proposal, as the Police would be responsible for enforcing the new speed limit. It is therefore proposed that additional speed surveys are carried out on Hazelwood Lane, funded by the Local Committee revenue funding, and that prior to the surveys being carried out the survey locations are agreed with the Police.
- 2.5 If the measured mean speeds recorded by the additional surveys on Hazelwood Lane comply with Surrey's Policy for a signed only speed limit reduction, then the proposal for a signed only speed limit reduction from 30mph to 20mph on Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane will be added to the Integrated Transport Scheme (ITS) list for consideration for future funding.
- 2.6 The Reigate and Banstead Revised Highways Forward Programme for 2017/18 and 2018/19 forms the subject of a separate report to the February meeting of the Local Committee. It should be noted that no funding has been allocated to progress a speed limit reduction in either 2017/18 or 2018/19.

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2.7 If the proposed speed limit reductions on Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane are prioritised over other schemes for future funding in Reigate and Banstead, local residents will be consulted on the proposed speed limit reduction. The majority of residents on both Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane, and also the roads accessed from these roads, will need to support the proposal for it to be progressed.

2.8 This proposal has been considered as Chipstead Residents Association has undertaken to provide funding to progress the scheme. Consultation would only be carried out if sufficient funding were identified to progress the scheme, including the cost of consultation, making the speed limit order and the provision of the necessary traffic signs.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Authorise the funding of additional speed surveys on Hazelwood Lane on the advice of the Police to better inform the feasibility of this proposal.

3.2 If the additional speed data collected complies with Surrey's Policy to reduce the speed limit on Hazelwood Lane using signs alone, authorise that the proposal be added to the ITS list for consideration for future funding.

3.3 If 3.2 above applies, authorise the Area Highway Team to carry out consultation as outlined in paragraph 2.7 above, should funding be provided either by Chipstead Residents Association to promote this scheme or the scheme be prioritised above other schemes on the ITS list.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Surrey Police have been consulted on the results of the speed surveys carried out by the consultants.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The costs of these works, including consultation with affected residents, the making of the speed limit order and provision of the necessary signs are in the region of £8,000.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 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.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The Highway Service is mindful of the localism agenda, and the wishes of the local community are taken into account wherever possible.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

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

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 It is recommended that additional speed surveys on Hazelwood Lane be carried out to better inform the feasibility of this proposal.

9.2 Should the measured mean speeds comply with Surrey's Policy for a signed only speed limit reduction on Hazelwood Lane, it is recommended that the proposed scheme to reduce the speed limit on Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane be added to the ITS list for consideration for future funding.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Subject to Local Committee approval the additional speed surveys will be carried out in Hazelwood Lane.

10.2 If the results of the surveys comply with Surrey's Policy for a signed only speed limit reduction to 20mph, then the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane from 30mph to 20mph be added to the ITS list for consideration for future funding.

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Consulted:

Surrey Police

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Plan detailing the location of Doghurst Lane and Hazelwood Lane

Sources/background papers:

None