

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA TEAM MANAGER

SUBJECT: FARLEIGH ROAD, WARLINGHAM - REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

DIVISION: WARLINGHAM



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Traffic calming measures in Farleigh Road, Warlingham between the junctions of the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank consist of a series of speed cushions and raised tables. Requests have been received for the removal of the existing speed cushions along this section of Farleigh Road, Warlingham to co-ordinate with proposed Severe Weather Resurfacing Works (with the raised tables remaining).

Speed surveys would need to be undertaken and consultation carried out with the frontagers directly affected by the proposals to remove the existing speed cushion as well as Warlingham Village Primary School, the Police, other emergency services and the County's Road Safety Team before final approval is given to the removal of the speed cushions on Farleigh Road, Warlingham between the junction of the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:

- (i) Approve the removal of the existing speed cushion traffic calming in Farleigh Road between the junctions of B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank, to be carried out when resurfacing works are undertaken in this road as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works, subject to the outcome of consultation results;
- (ii) Authorise delegated authority be given to the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Member, together with the Area Team Manager, to consider the results of the consultation and make a final decision as to whether to proceed with the removal of the speed cushions;
- (iii) Note that if speeds and/or road casualties increase following the removal of the existing speed cushions, there is currently no funding available in the foreseeable future to design and reinstate any traffic calming measures in order to reduce vehicle speeds.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To enable consultation on the removal of existing traffic calming in the form of speed cushions, when the resurfacing works are carried out as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works, in accordance with the wishes of local residents, the Divisional Member, District Councillor and the Parish Council. Following the removal of the speed cushions, speed surveys will be carried out to assess the impact that their removal has had on vehicle speeds.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 The Farleigh Road area traffic calming scheme was implemented about 18 years ago using mainly developer funding from the then new Sainsbury store on Limpsfield Road. The scheme consists of a series of speed cushions and table top road humps and was intended to reduce vehicle speeds and road casualties.

1.2 This scheme has been largely successful, particularly the section of Farleigh Road between the junctions of the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank, where there have been no reported personal injury collisions since 2004.

1.3 The section of Farleigh Road between the junctions of the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank are to be resurfaced in this financial year, as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works. This work will result in the existing traffic calming measures having to be removed and rebuilt. However, recently requests have been received to remove the speed cushions in this section of Farleigh Road, because it has been suggested that the existing on street parking already acts to slow vehicle speeds and that the existing cushions require frequent maintenance. This proposal is supported by the Divisional Member and the resurfacing works provide an opportunity to remove the existing speed cushions. **Annex 1** is a location plan showing the speed cushions that are proposed to be removed as part of the resurfacing works. It is proposed that the existing table top road humps will remain for the following reasons;

- One table top road hump is located outside Warlingham Village Primary School, where parking is restricted at the beginning and at the end of the school day.
- A second table top road hump is located on an informal crossing point just to the north of the junction with The Meadows.
- The third table top road hump is located at the entrance to Farleigh Road close to the junction with the B269 Limpsfield Road and is located on a section of Farleigh Road where there are double yellow lines.

1.4 In 2010 when Sunnybank was resurfaced the speed cushions within this road, which was part of the original area scheme, were removed on a trial basis to

see what effect their removal would have on the traffic speeds. Traffic speeds were monitored before and after resurfacing to gauge the effect of the removal of the speed cushions, and average speeds were found to have increased by between 2 and 3mph. It was noted that on-street parking had a large influence on reducing traffic speeds in Sunnybank. In July 2010 Tandridge Local Committee agreed to make permanent the removal of the speed cushions.

- 1.5 In 2013 a similar request to remove the traffic calming as part of resurfacing work was received for the section of Farleigh Road between the junctions of Sunnybank and Harrow Road. However, during consultation objections to their removal were received from Surrey Police, on the basis that there was no evidence that their removal would not have a detrimental impact on vehicle speeds or casualties. As a result, alternative traffic calming measures were installed on this section of Farleigh Road. It should be noted that should similar objections be received by Surrey Police regarding the removal of the existing speed cushions in Farleigh Road, (between the junctions of the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank), there is no funding available to design and install alternative traffic calming measures.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 Farleigh Road (between the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank) is programmed for resurfacing in this current financial year as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works. This provides an opportunity to remove the speed cushions on this section of Farleigh Road. Speed surveys would need to be carried out before and after the removal of the traffic calming to monitor the impact on speeds.
- 2.2 Consultation will need to be carried out with frontagers, Warlingham Village Primary School which is located on this section of Farleigh Road, the emergency services and other stakeholders regarding the proposed removal of the existing speed cushions. The outcome of the consultation will inform the Local Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional member, together with the Area Highways Manager to make a final decision on whether or not to remove the existing speed cushions on Farleigh Road, Warlingham (between the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank).
- 2.3 The existing table top road humps are currently supported by residents and therefore it is not proposed to remove these at the present time, although it is proposed to remove the speed cushions.
- 2.4 There have been no recorded personal injury collisions on Farleigh Road between B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunny Bank over the 5 year period July 2013 to end of June 2018.
- 2.5 It should be noted that unlike in previous years where, following consultation alternative forms of traffic calming have been installed on Farleigh Road. Therefore is no funding available to carry out such works.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Option 1:

Subject to the outcome of consultation, remove the existing speed cushions in Farleigh Road, between B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank when the resurfacing work is carried out as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works.

3.2 Option 2:

Do nothing. The speed cushions will be reconstructed as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 No formal consultation has been carried out to date. Consultation will need to be carried out with the frontagers directly affected by any proposed removal of the speed cushions in Farleigh Road (between the junction with B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank), and with the Police and other emergency services. The views of the County's Road Safety Team will also be sought.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The cost of the removal of the speed cushions in Farleigh Road between B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank, would be carried out as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works.

5.2 Speed surveys will be carried out by the South East Area Team to assess existing vehicle speeds on Farleigh Road, between B269 Limpsfield and Sunnybank. Consultation on the removal of the speed cushions will also be carried out by the South East Area team.

5.3 It should be noted that if an increase in traffic speeds and personal injury collisions results from the removal of the speed cushions, there would be a costs associated with having the speed cushions or alternative measures reinstated. However, there is no funding available at the present time or in the foreseeable future to undertake such work.

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Removal of the existing speed cushions in Farleigh Road, between the junctions of B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank, could result in increased speeds and therefore increasing pressure on Police resources to carry out speed enforcement.

6.2 At present, there have been no recorded personal injury collisions on this section of Farleigh Road since 2004. The removal of the existing speed cushions could increase vehicle speeds, resulting in an increase in the number of personal injury collisions.

6.3

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Removal of the existing speed cushions could result in additional pressure on Police resources to carry out speed enforcement.
Equality and Diversity	No significant implications
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	No significant implications
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications
Public Health	The removal of the speed cushions could increase the number of recorded personal injury collisions.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Requests have been received for the removal of the speed cushions in Farleigh Road, Warlingham between the junctions with the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank.
- 9.2 Speed surveys would need to be carried out before and after the removal of the speed cushions.
- 9.3 Consultation regarding the proposals to remove the speed cushions would need to be carried out with the frontagers directly affected, as well as Warlingham Village Primary School, the Police, other emergency services and the County's Road Safety Team.
- 9.4 Subject to the results of the consultation, it is recommended that works to remove the existing speed cushions in Farleigh Road between B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank, be carried out when resurfacing works are undertaken as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works. To ensure the co-ordination of these works, it is recommended that delegated authority be given to the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Member, together with the Area Team Manager, to consider the results of the consultation and make a final decision as to whether or not to proceed with the removal of the speed cushions.
- 9.5 It should be noted that, unlike previous years, should concerns be raised that following the removal of the speed cushions vehicle speeds and personal injury collisions have increased, there is no funding available at the present time or in the foreseeable future for additional traffic calming measures to be installed.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Subject to Local Committee approval, speed surveys will be carried out in Farleigh Road, between the junction of the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunnybank, to assess the existing vehicle speeds along this section of Farleigh Road. Consultation will be carried out with the frontagers directly affected by the proposals, the Police and other emergency services and the County's Road Safety Team, regarding the proposals to remove the speed cushions. The results of the public consultation will be considered by the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Member and a final decision made on whether to proceed with the removal of the speed cushions on this section of Farleigh Road when the resurfacing work is carried out as part of the Severe Weather Resurfacing Works.

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Consulted:

Consultation will be carried out with key stakeholders in line with Surrey County Council's "Consultation for local Highway Improvement Schemes; Officer Good Practice Guide" regarding the proposals to remove the speed cushions.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Farleigh Road, Warlingham – location of existing traffic calming measures.

Sources/background papers:

- Report to 23 June 2013 Tandridge Local Committee – "Farleigh Road and Harrow Road, Warlingham and Redehall Road, Smallfield - Review of Traffic Calming Measures".