

# SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



## LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 21 September 2018  
 SUBJECT: Lower the speed limit on Lingfield Common Road  
 DIVISION: Lingfield

### **PETITION DETAILS:**

To consider a petition containing 157 signatures – presented by Ms Beverly Mann

We the undersign request on Lingfield Common Road:

1. A reduction in current speed limits of 50mph and 40mph to 30mph throughout from the junction at Ray Lane to the junction with Crowhurst Road and Station Road
2. Painting of double white lines throughout to prevent overtaking.
3. Police presence with speed cameras on a regular basis covering different times of the day and night to deter and fine speeding drivers.

Resident concerns are:

1. Excess speeds, especially during rush hours and late at night, creating dangerous conditions and high volumes of noise.
2. Excess heavy goods vehicles, also travelling at speed creating high volumes of noise and causing houses on Lingfield Common Road to shudder.
3. Poor sight lines, creating difficult and dangerous conditions due to speed of traffic when pulling in and out of resident drive ways, and turning in and out of resident roads.
4. Dangerous conditions when walking on pavement due to narrowness of pavement and speed of traffic.

### **RESPONSE:**

Lingfield Common Road, Lingfield is a straight road which runs between the B2029 Ray Lane and Crowhurst Road, it has a 40mph speed limit between the junction with the B2029 Ray Lane and the edge of the built up area (approximately 350m east of the junction with the B2029 Ray Lane). The speed limit east of this point is 50mph, and the road becomes semi-rural in nature.

When residents raised concerns about vehicle speeds and road safety in Lingfield Common Road, a site meeting was held with County Councillor Lesley Steed, Surrey Police and an officer from Surrey County Council's South East Area Team. As a result of this site meeting Surrey Police carried out a speed survey, for one week from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, within the existing 40mph speed limit on Lingfield Common Road. The results of this survey recorded mean average vehicle speeds as follows;

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Eastbound – 37mph  
Westbound – 38mph

The results of this speed survey shows good compliance with the existing speed limit, and would not meet Surrey County Council's speed limit policy for a reduction to 30mph.

Following a question raised at the September 2015 Local Committee, speed surveys were carried out to assess whether or not the existing mean speeds within the 50mph speed limit in Lingfield Common Road and Haxted Road met SCC's policy for a speed limit reduction. The results of the survey were as follows;

### Site 1 – Lingfield Common Road, east of junction with Crowhurst Road/Station Rd

Eastbound - 41.6mph  
Westbound - 37.7mph

### Site 2 – Haxted Road, west of junction with Bowerland Lane

Eastbound - 44.3mph  
Westbound – 42.4mph

### Site 3 – Haxted Road, east of junction with Water Lane

Eastbound – 41.6mph  
Westbound – 43.1mph

### Site 4 – Haxted Road, outside West Haxted Farm

Eastbound – 44.1mph  
Westbound – 41.2mph

The above results show that mean speeds do not comply with the requirements of the policy for a speed limit reduction to 30mph. However they do comply with the requirements of the policy for a speed limit reduction to 40mph. A scheme to reduce the existing 50mph speed limit on Lingfield Common Road and Haxted Road to 40mph was added to the Tandridge Integrated Transport Scheme Programme for this financial year and will be installed by the end of March 2019.

Double white lines are used to prohibit overtaking where visibility is restricted, for example on the approach to a bend or on the brow of a hill. The section of Lingfield Common Road between the B2029 Ray Lane junction and the junction with Crowhurst Road/Station Road is straight with good forward visibility. Therefore the installation of double white lines to prohibit overtaking would not be suitable for this section of Lingfield Common Road.

Officers are not able to comment on the request for Police speed enforcement on Lingfield Common Road as this is a matter for the Police and not Surrey County Council.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
The Local Committee is asked to:  (i) The Local Committee is asked to note the content of the response.



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