

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER 2013
 LEAD JOHN HILDER, AREA HIGHWAYS MANAGER
 OFFICER(S) LEE MCQUADE, ECONOMY MANAGER



SUBJECT: PETITION REPOSENSE 19 JUNE 2013

DIVISION: GUILDFORD WEST

Principal petitioner/organisation	Mrs Johnson, resident of Sheepfold Road. Attracting 130 signatories
SCC Division / GBC Ward	Guildford West/Westborough
Summary of concerns and requests	<p>Sheepfold Road, speed issue</p> <p><i>We, the undersigned and residents of Sheepfold Road, wish to make an application for a speed limit of 20mph for Sheepfold Road as a traffic calming measure.</i></p> <p><i>This request is made due to the increased number of cars using the road as a 'rat run'. Also, the road appears to be straight going up hill but in fact has a distinct bend near the top which means it is impossible to see the end of the road either way.</i></p> <p><i>We feel it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.</i></p>
Response	<p>The Committee would like to thank Mrs Johnson for presenting her petition.</p> <p>Traffic speed surveys have recently been carried out in Sheepfold Road which indicate average (or mean) speeds of 25mph traveling west (towards Ryde's Hill Road) and 26mph traveling east (towards Worplesdon Road).</p> <p>Surrey County Council's Speed Limit Policy sets out appropriate speed limits for different types of roads with due consideration to existing traffic speeds. Current speeds in Sheepfold Road indicate a 30mph speed limit is appropriate.</p>

	<p>The Policy requires existing speeds to be at or close to 20mph if a 20mph limit is to be introduced using '20' signs alone. However if existing speeds are higher, the policy requires that measures are introduced which are likely to reduce speeds to 20mph before this lower limit is introduced. Such speed reduction measures are usually referred to as traffic calming and can comprise road tables, 'pinch-points', electronic signs as well as additional road markings and signs.</p> <p>Existing speeds in Sheepfold are above the threshold of 22 or 23 mph that would allow the introduction of a 20mph limit using 20 plates alone, and some form of traffic calming would be necessary for the lower limit.</p> <p>This request will be referred to the Transportation Task Group that reports to this committee for prioritization against other requests for crossings, junction improvements, speed limit reviews etc. which will be included in the 2014/2015 programme. The committee meeting in December will consider the task group's recommendations.</p>
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Principal petitioner/organisation	Mr Ames Westborough and Park Barn Residents Association Attracting 47 signatories
SCC Division / GBC Ward	Guildford West/Westborough
Summary of concerns and requests	<p>Rail station for Park Barn</p> <p><i>Requests the support of the committee to endorse the proposal of a new rail station for Park Barn as contained within the draft Surrey Rail Strategy.</i></p>
Response	A new station at Park Barn serving the Royal Surrey Hospital and Surrey Research Park was an option consulted on in the draft Surrey Rail Strategy. It remains as an option in the final strategy which will be considered by Cabinet on 24 September.