

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL - INFORMAL

18 JANUARY 2022

AMENDMENT OF MOTION

Item 4 (i)

Amendment by Matt Furniss (Shalford) to the motion standing in the name of Lance Spencer

(additional words underlined in bold and deletions crossed through)

This Council notes that:

~~That communities are increasingly recognising the benefits of~~ **In the last few years there has been a sharp increase in walking and cycling in Surrey.** ~~s~~**Slower** traffic in residential and busy pedestrian streets **such as shopping areas** and outside schools **help encourage more active travel by walking and cycling.** These include improved road safety; calmer, steadier traffic flows leading to increased confidence amongst residents in being able to walk and cycle more safely; ~~the resulting reduction in traffic volumes that improves air quality. Ultimately 20 miles per hour (mph) zones lead to better physical and mental health outcomes for residents who live and travel in those areas.~~

~~That speeds of 20 mph are less likely to lead to death or serious injury and have support from disability groups.~~

~~That schemes for signed 20 mph zones are more affordable, quicker and easier to implement at pace and a growing number of authorities are implementing them across the country.~~

This Council further notes:

~~That Surrey County Council supports the implementation of 20 mph limits, but the current piecemeal approach and inadequate level of funding will not deliver on the step change required to affect residents' travel choices to the extent needed to meet the ambition of the draft Local Transport Plan and Greener Futures' delivery plan.~~

~~That as the highway authority Surrey County Council has the legal power to set speed limits in Surrey, , however its current policy is unfit for purpose.~~

~~That 20 mph zones marked solely by signs accompanied by minimal enforcement have already been piloted elsewhere. This Council can decide to join the growing number of local authorities and regions who are already trialling this model or risk becoming an outlier in this space.~~

~~That over time, implementation of such schemes will likely lead to future cohorts of drivers coming to regard 20 mph as the new 30 mph.~~

Surrey County Council's "Setting Local Speed Limits" policy supports introducing signed only 20 mph speed limits where the existing speeds are 24 mph or less. There are likely to be lots of residential roads and busy shopping streets where it would be possible to introduce signed only 20 mph speed limits in Surrey. Members are allocated with local budgets for highway improvements that they can direct towards assessments and implementation of signed only 20 mph speed limits. Where the existing speeds are above 24 mph, then additional measures to reduce speeds should be considered to ensure the new lower speed limit is successful.

In addition to the local highway budget, Community Infrastructure Levy funding could be used to assess and implement lower 20 mph speed limits. Assessment and implementation of lower 20 mph schemes could also be considered as part of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) being developed in each of Surrey's Boroughs and Districts.

This Council resolves to:

Request the Leader and Cabinet to:

- I. ~~Agree in principle the implementation of~~ **Reaffirm that Surrey County Council supports** signage **of** only 20 mph zones in residential roads, outside schools and on high streets that currently have a 30 mph limit, **where the existing average mean speeds are 24 mph or less,** and where there is member and community support for the change.
- II. ~~Agree to an amendment of the current speed policy to allow for implementation of schemes in appropriate areas even where mean speeds exceed 24 mph.~~ **Reaffirm that additional supporting measures will be needed to ensure the new lower 20 mph speed limit is successful if the existing mean average speeds are above 24 mph.**
- III. ~~Agree to establish a dedicated funding pot to provide adequate resources for the scheme to be implemented equitably across the county.~~

Seconder: John O' Reilly