

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT****DATE: 9 OCTOBER 2013****LEAD OFFICER: JASON RUSSELL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS****SUBJECT: REIGATE & BANSTEAD SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT
A217 DOVERS GREEN ROAD / REIGATE ROAD****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To consider whether to endorse the Reigate & Banstead Local Committee's request to reduce the speed limit on the A217 Reigate Road from 50mph to 40mph, between a point approximately 100m south of Ironsbottom and the Reigate & Banstead boundary. Under the County's Speed Limit Policy, the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways & Environment is given the authority to endorse a new speed limit which does not comply with the policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways & the Environment is asked to decide whether:

1. To endorse the request of the Reigate & Banstead Local Committee to reduce the speed limit of the A217 Reigate Road between a point approximately 100m south of Ironsbottom and the Reigate & Banstead boundary from 50mph to 40mph; **or**
2. That the speed limit of the A217 Reigate Road between a point approximately 100m south of Ironsbottom and the Reigate & Banstead boundary remain unchanged at 50mph.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To enable the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways & the Environment to decide whether or not to endorse the Reigate & Banstead Local Committee's request to reduce the speed limit on the A217 Reigate Road from 50mph to 40mph, between a point approximately 100m south of Ironsbottom and the Reigate & Banstead boundary.

DETAILS:

1. Following a fatality on the A217 Dovers Green Road in the vicinity of the junction with Ironsbottom, the divisional member for Horley West, Salfords and Sidlow requested that a speed limit assessment be carried out on the A217 Dovers Green Road / Reigate Road. At its meeting on 17 June 2013, the Reigate & Banstead Local Committee received a report setting out the outcome of the speed limit assessment. A copy of the report presented to the Local Committee is attached as Annex 1.
2. The table below sets out the current speed limit, the limit requested by the divisional member, the preferred speed limit under the Speed Limit Policy, the measured mean speeds and the proposed limit recommended by officers to Reigate & Banstead Local Committee for approval.

Location of speed survey	Current limit	Requested limit	'Preferred limit'	Measured mean speeds		Proposed limit
				Northbound	Southbound	
Ironsbottom	50mph	40mph	50mph	41mph	41mph	40mph
Fontigarry Farm	50mph	40mph	50mph	48mph	48mph	50mph
Crutchfield Cottages	50mph	40mph	50mph	45mph	48mph	50mph
Crutchfield Lane	50mph	40mph	50mph	46mph	44mph	50mph

3. The Local Committee approved the recommendation to reduce the speed limit on the section of the A217 between the existing terminal at Dovers Green Road and a point approximately 100m south of Ironsbottom from 50mph to 40mph.
4. It is stated under the speed limit policy that "a Local Committee may decide, exceptionally, to implement a speed limit which does not reduce the speeds to a level approaching the new limit. Where the Police object to the proposed speed limit reduction and the local officer recommends against proceeding, the decision should be endorsed by the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways & Environment, having taken advice from officers and the Police".

CONSULTATION:

5. The Police were consulted as part of the speed limit assessment process. Their view is that the speed limit should remain unchanged and they would not support a reduction in the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph. The Police confirm that their view remains unchanged.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

6. If the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways & the Environment does not endorse the Local Committee's request, then the speed limit on the section of the A217 between the existing terminal at Dovers Green Road and a point approximately 100m south of Ironsbottom will not be reduced.

Financial and Value for Money Implications

- 7. The cost of changing any speed limit includes legal advertisement costs associated with the statutory process, together with the costs of design and implementation.
- 8. If the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and the Environment decides to reduce the speed limit to 40mph the costs will be in the region of £5,000. If it is possible to identify funding from external sources, eg developers, to fund this speed limit change then this will be done. If this is not possible then this speed limit change will be funded from the Reigate and Banstead Local Transport Scheme budget.
- 9. There will be no costs incurred if the speed limit remains unchanged at 50mph.

Section 151 Officer Commentary

- 10. The Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer) confirms that all material, financial and business issues and risks have been considered.

Legal Implications – Monitoring Officer

- 11. Changes to speed limits are introduced through the making of a Speed Limit Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Equalities and Diversity

- 12. 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.

Climate change/carbon emissions implications

- 13. The County Council attaches great importance to being environmentally aware and wishes to show leadership in cutting carbon emissions and tackling climate change.
- 14. Reductions in speed limit should have a positive impact on emissions as vehicle speeds are lowered.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 15. If the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and the Environment decides to reduce the speed limit of the A217 Reigate Road between a point approximately 100m south of Irons Bottom Road and the Reigate & Banstead boundary to 40mph, the intention to make a Speed Limit Order will be advertised in the local press. Any objections will be considered and resolved by the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Reigate and Banstead Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Divisional Member. The Speed Limit Order will then be made and the scheme implemented by the end of this financial year.

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Consulted:

Surrey Police
Monitoring Officer, Legal Services
Chief Finance Officer

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Reigate & Banstead Local Committee Report, 17 June 2013 – Reigate & Banstead Speed Limit Assessment A217 Dovers Green Road / Reigate Road

Sources/background papers:

- Data from speed assessments carried out during May 2013 at four locations on the A217 Dovers Green Road / Reigate Road.
 - Surrey County Council Speed Management Policy (October 2009)
 - Surrey County Council Speed Limit Policy (November 2010)
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