

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
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GUILDFORD JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 18 NOVEMBER 2020

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SUBJECT: BLACKWATER VALLEY ROAD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

AREA(S) AFFECTED: SHALFORD

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report provides background information on the current national speed limit on Blackwater Valley Road and slip roads around the Runfold Diversion roundabout in Tongham. The current speed limit on the above road and slip roads is a national speed limit which is proposed to be reduced to 40mph to improve road safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Guildford Joint Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) A reduction of the current national speed limit to a 40mph speed limit on a section of Blackwater Valley Road and the surrounding slip roads approaching the roundabout, where indicated on the attached plan.
- (ii) To promote a traffic regulation order for the introduction of the 40mph speed limit.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To allow for the ongoing increase in economic prosperity of the region by providing increased capacity and safer roads for all users and to allow the government's house building requirements to be met by the borough and district councils.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

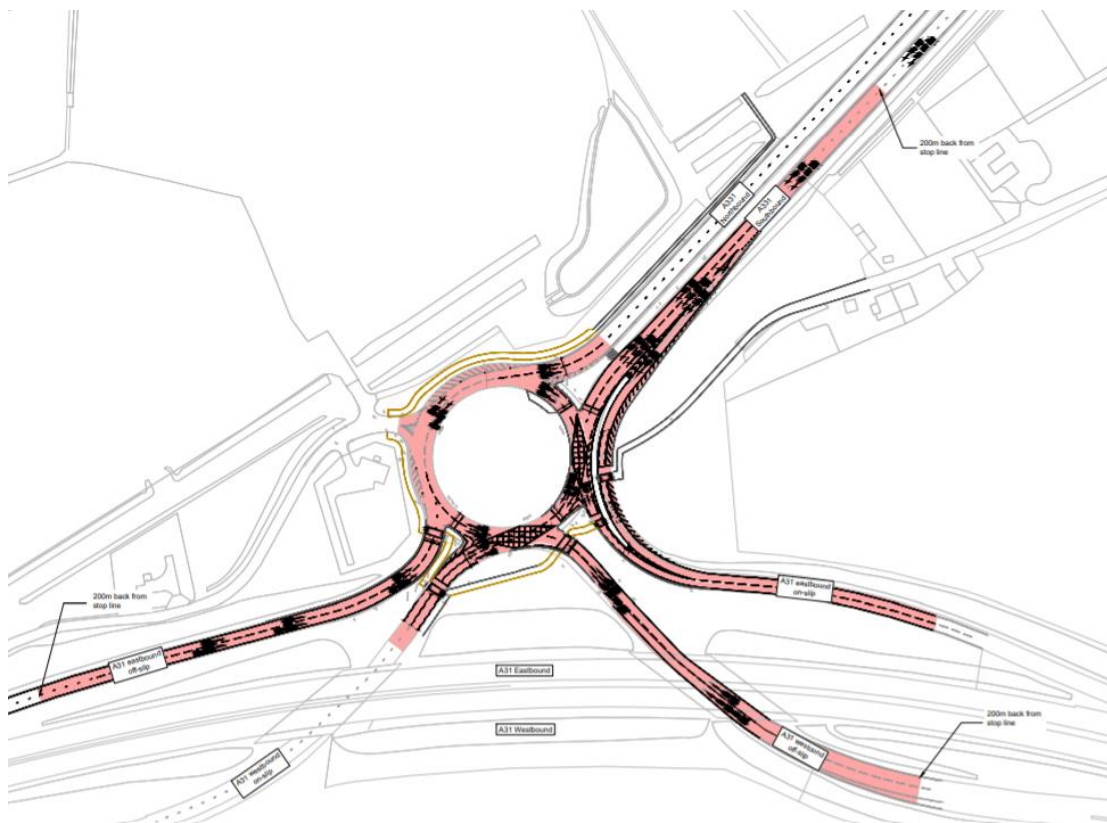
- 1.1 There are two locations in the Guildford area that have been identified as hotspots. One of these locations is the A331 Blackwater Valley Road and A31 Runfold diversion junction.
- 1.2 There are proposals to improve road safety and traffic flows at these two junctions. The improvements will address the issues at the two key junctions
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where there are peak-time queues causing delays and potential safety issues.

- 1.3 This will provide a quicker and more reliable journey time for vehicles exiting the A31 westbound to join the A331 and for all road users using the A331/A323 interchange. The improvements will provide safety benefits by reducing the incidence of slip-road traffic queuing back onto the A31 and A331.
- 1.4 As part of the safety improvements, it is proposed to reduce the current national speed limit to a 40mph speed limit.
- 1.5 The speed limit reduction will be required prior to commencement of the implementation of the works.

2 ANALYSIS

2.1 The plan below shows the extent of the speed limit change.



3 OPTIONS:

3.1 To keep the current national speed limit. Officers seek to implement the proposed 40mph speed limit to improve road safety for all road users

4 CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Surrey Police have been consulted and are in agreement with the proposed speed limit changes.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Funding for this scheme will be borne by the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

6 WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications
Equality and Diversity	No significant implications
Other Implications	No significant implications

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 As set out in the body of the report.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 Officers will progress the scheme agreed by the committee.

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Consulted:

As described within the report

Background papers:

None

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