

## **Proposed imposition of a 20 mph Speed Limit on Chalk Lane, East Horsley**

### **Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Speed Limit Order**

#### **Background and Introduction**

During the last financial year there have been a number of additional new requests for the reduction of speed limits in certain roads in East Horsley, one of which was the imposition of a new 30mph speed limit on Chalk Lane. At the March 2022 Guildford Joint Committee meeting, Members agreed to include this and several other road safety schemes in the 2022/23 programme.

Following a request from the East Horsley Parish Councillor and local residents to impose a new 30mph speed limit on Chalk Lane, engineers carried out a speed limit assessment and discussed proposals with the Police. There are several accesses that join this road and some drivers have reported that they have difficulty when leaving their properties due to the speed of other vehicles.

Speed limits can help to reduce accidents and improve safety for all road users. It has been shown that the slower a vehicle is travelling then the less likelihood there is of a serious or fatal injury occurring. It was expected that by imposing a new 30mph speed limit on Chalk Lane, this would contribute to improving road safety and the environment in the vicinity.

The above proposal was advertised in the local press (The Surrey Advertiser). The County Councillor for the area, stakeholders and the necessary statutory consultees were also formally consulted.

#### **Representations received following advertisement of proposed imposition of a 30 mph Speed Limit on Chalk Lane, East Horsley**

Following advertisement of the proposed imposition of a new 30 mph speed limit on Chalk Lane, a significant number of representations were received from local residents who requested that a 20mph speed limit is imposed on that road instead of a 30mph speed limit.

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In response to the representations received from local residents, engineers reviewed the proposals and had further discussions with the Police. It was determined that the imposition of a 20mph speed limit in Chalk Lane would be appropriate in this instance, if introduced with supporting engineering measures, such as enhanced signs and road markings, to encourage slower vehicle speeds, especially at the southern end of Chalk Lane, near to the junction with Green Dene.

Consequently, a 20mph speed limit on Chalk Lane is now proposed. This will be re-advertised in the local press (The Surrey Advertiser), and the County Councillor, stakeholders and necessary statutory consultees will be formally consulted on the new proposal.