

STATEMENT OF REASONS

PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN “THE BYFLEETS” ELECTORAL DIVISION.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURE OUTSIDE Nos 3 AND 18/20 CHERTSEY ROAD

Concerns have been raised by residents of Chertsey Road, Byfleet and supported by the County Councillor of The Byfleets Electoral Division about the volume of traffic that is using the road to travel between A245 Parvis Road and A318 Oyster Lane (and reverse) to avoid queues on A318 Barnes Wallis Drive and Oyster Lane.

Consultation was undertaken on various schemes to either close Chertsey Road and Oyster Lane to through traffic, or to make the through routes less appealing. The majority of respondents to the consultation indicated a preference to do nothing and leave the current road layout as it is. However, a number of respondents asked for a 20mph speed limit. This had always been considered and the results of speed surveys suggest that a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph would be appropriate and in accordance with Surrey County Council’s Speed Limit Policy.

There is a general move towards reducing speed limits where possible, particularly if this helps to promote Safer Routes to Schools and encourages more pupils and parents to walk or cycle to school rather than use private motor vehicles.

Surrey County Council’s Local Transport Plan (LTP) 4 affords greater priority to pedestrians and cyclists, with reduced speed limits being an important factor in encouraging more people to choose to walk or cycle.

Guidance from the Department for Transport emphasises that research into signed alone reductions in speed limits (as opposed to the use of physical traffic calming) does lead to small reductions in traffic speeds. Therefore, signed speed limit reductions are most appropriate where measured traffic speeds are close to the proposed speed limits. Research has shown that if average speeds fall by 1mph then the collision rate will fall by approximately 5%.

As a result of the surveys and speed limit assessments, and for the reasons stated above, a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph is proposed in the following roads. Please note that any private roads in the area cannot be included and so are omitted from the list. These changes comply with Surrey County Council’s Policy “Setting Local Speed Limits” and are supported by Surrey Police.

D3760 Chertsey Road

D3760 Oyster Lane (including "service road" in front of Nos 69 – 83)

D3760 Kings Head Lane

D3760 Ferney Road

D3760 Ferney Court

D3760 Kings Avenue

D3760 Walnut Tree Lane

D3761 Lake Close

D3762 Caillard Road

D3762 Dawson Road

D3762 Petersham Avenue.

D3762 York Road

D3762 York Close

D7303 Wakefield Close

D7342 Campbell Close

Furthermore, due to the proximity of the properties to the traffic calming feature outside Nos 3 and 18/20 Chertsey Road, noise and vibration from this speed table is becoming increasingly frustrating for adjacent residents. Consequently, it is proposed to replace this full-width speed table with a pair of speed cushions in order to retain a speed reducing feature while reducing the likelihood of noise and vibration.