

Statement of Reasons

Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Hogden Lane, Ranmore Common

It is proposed to reduce the existing 60mph/derestricted speed limit to a 20mph speed limit on the following section of the D269 Hogden Lane, Ranmore Common.

From the junction with the D268 High Barn Road, Effingham to the junction with C44 Ranmore Common Road.

1. The section of Hogden Lane, Ranmore Common described above is classed as a derestricted road under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
2. The member for the Dorking Hill Electoral Division of Surrey County Council has raised concerns about the existing 60mph/derestricted speed limit on Hogden Lane, Ranmore Common, and has requested that the speed limit is reduced.
3. A speed survey was carried out in Hogden Lane and the results of the speed survey complied with our policy "Setting Local Speed Limits" for a signs alone speed limit reduction to 20mph. The Police do not object to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Hogden Lane to 20mph.
4. The Highway Operation & Commissioning Manager, under delegated authority, has agreed that the speed limit on this section of Hogden Lane should be reduced from 60mph/derestricted to 20mph.
5. Guidance from the Department for Transport emphasises that research into signed alone reductions in speed limits does lead to small reductions in traffic speeds. Therefore, signed alone speed limit reductions are most appropriate where measured traffic speeds are close to the proposed speed limits. The measured speeds on Hogden Lane are close to the proposed speed limit of 20mph. Research has shown that if average speeds fall by 1mph then the collision rate will fall by approximately 5%.
6. It is proposed to reduce the speed limit on the section of Hogden Lane listed above from 60mph/derestricted to 20mph in order to reduce both traffic speeds and reduce the number of collisions.