

The Surrey County Council
Various Roads in Egham Hythe in the Borough of Runnymede
(20 mph Speed Limit Zone) Order 202-

Proposed Traffic Calming Measures
in St. Paul's Road, Wapshott Road and Bowes Road, Egham Hythe

St Paul's Road, Wapshott Road, Bowes Road and Cornwall Way are local residential estate roads that all currently have a 30mph speed limit. The roads provide a through route between the busy A320 Chertsey Lane and the B3376 Thorpe Road.

Residents have expressed concerns that drivers regularly use the roads as a "rat-run" to avoid queues at the Thorpe Road railway level crossing and the Thorpe Road/Chertsey Lane/The Causeway/Staines Bridge roundabout. Residents have also raised concerns about vehicle speeds and road safety.

A series of traffic surveys were undertaken to investigate the concerns raised and the results confirmed the following:

some drivers are using the roads through the estate as a "rat-run" as suggested by residents.

vehicles speeds are generally relatively low and there is a good level of compliance with the existing 30mph speed limit. However, a small proportion of inconsiderate motorists were recorded travelling at inappropriate speeds for residential roads of this nature.

In response to the concerns raised and the findings of the surveys, a consultation was undertaken seeking views on the following options:

Option 1 - Introducing point road closures using features that prevent vehicles driving through the estate (whilst still allowing access for cyclists and pedestrians), along with installing a 20mph zone.

Option 2 - Introducing traffic calming consisting of road tables and speed cushions, along with installing a 20mph zone.

Option 3 - 'Do nothing', leaving the road layout and speed limit unchanged.

The results of the consultation were as follows:

Option 1 – 32% of votes

Option 2 – 46% of votes

Option 3 – 22% of votes

Having considered the results of the consultation, it has been decided to proceed with introducing the measures proposed in option 2. The introduction of traffic calming measures and a 20mph speed limit will help improve road safety, reduce both vehicle speeds and volumes, and reduce the impact of traffic on residents' quality of life.