

**Statement of Reasons
Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on
Farleigh Road, Boxwood Way, Eglise Road & Mint Walk, Warlingham**

It is proposed to reduce the existing 30mph speed limit to a 20mph speed limit on the following sections of road:

Farleigh Road (C217) - between the B269 Limpsfield Road, Warlingham and a point 20m west of the south-western kerb line of Sunnybank

Boxwood Way (D1347) – entire length

Eglise Road (D1353) – entire length

Mint Walk (D1347) – entire length

1. Farleigh Road, Boxwood Way, Eglise Road and Mint Walk are classed as restricted roads under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The system of street lighting in the road indicates to drivers that the speed limit is 30mph.
2. Residents of Farleigh Road have raised concerns with their divisional member about the existing 30mph speed limit on Farleigh Road and have requested that the speed limit is reduced to 20 mile per hour. A speed limit assessment has been carried out on the section of Farleigh Road between the B269 Limpsfield Road and Sunny Bank, following the processes set out in Surrey County Council's Policy "Setting Local Speed Limits".
3. Three speed surveys were carried out, and the results of the speed surveys complied with our policy for a signs alone speed limit reduction to 20mph at two of the three survey locations. At the third location, at the eastern end of Farleigh Road near the junction with Sunny Bank, the results did not comply with our policy for a signs alone speed limit reduction to 20mph. Therefore, as part of the proposal to reduce the speed limit on a section of Farleigh Road, it is intended that supporting engineering measures in the form of a road table, will be installed at the eastern end of Farleigh Road in order to reduce traffic speeds.
4. As part of the scheme to reduce the speed limit on a section of Farleigh Road to 20mph, it was decided to investigate whether the side roads leading to Farleigh Road also complied with a signs only speed limit reduction to 20mph. Further speed surveys were carried out, and the results of the surveys on Boxwood Way and Eglise Road complied with the policy for a signs alone speed limit reduction to 20mph. It is proposed that the speed limit on Boxwood Way and Eglise Road are reduced to 20mph.
5. Mink Walk is a narrow road that leads north from Farleigh Road to a junction with Boxwood Way, before continuing a short distance as a cul-de-sac. No survey was carried out on Mint Walk, but speeds are likely to be low and it is proposed that the speed limit on Mint Walk is reduced to 20mph.

6. A reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on the section of Farleigh Road between the B269 Limpsfield Road and a point 20m west of the south-western kerb line of Sunny Bank complies with the policy, as supporting engineering measures will be provided, and is supported by the Police. A reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on Boxwood Way and Eglise Road complies with the policy and is supported by the Police. A reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on Mint Walk is supported by the Police.
7. The Highway Operations & Commissioning Manager, under delegated authority, has agreed that the speed limit on this section of Farleigh Road and on Boxwood Way, Eglise Road and Mint Walk should be reduced from 30mph to 20mph. The Highways Operations & Commissioning Manager has also agreed that supporting engineering measures, in the form of one road table, be provided at the eastern end of Farleigh Road.
8. Guidance from the Department for Transport emphasises that research into signed only 20mph speed limits lead to small reductions in traffic speeds. Therefore, signed only 20mph speed limits are most appropriate where traffic speeds are already low. Research has shown that if average speeds fall by 1mph then the collision rate will fall by approximately 5%.
9. It is proposed to reduce the speed limits on the roads listed above from 30mph to 20mph in order to both reduce traffic speeds and reduce the number of collisions.