

# **UPPER HALE ROAD, FARNHAM PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THIS ORDER**

Following speed assessments carried out as part of the Farnham Infrastructure Programme, it has been proposed that the existing 30mph speed limit be reduced to a 20mph speed limit along the Upper Hale Road.

The associated proposed traffic calming measures in Upper Hale Road have previously been advertised and consulted upon as part of a separate consultation. Further details of this consultation can be found here:

[Upper Hale Road Farnham Traffic Calming Measures - Surrey County Council - Citizen Space \(surreysays.co.uk\)](https://www.surreysays.co.uk/Upper-Hale-Road-Farnham-Traffic-Calming-Measures-Surrey-County-Council-Citizen-Space)

The speed limit changes from the current 30mph speed limit to a 20mph speed limit in Upper Hale Road have been previously advertised (25.11.21-03.01.22), however, there are concerns that this Traffic Regulation Order may expire before construction, therefore these are to be readvertised.

The reduced vehicle speeds will contribute to improving road safety for all users, improving the environment for active travel such as walking and cycling within the area, encouraging shorter trips, generating an improvement in the health of residents and visitors, reaching net zero carbon objectives through by encouraging more walking and cycling, reducing noise pollution on residential properties and schools, and improving public perception of safety on roads and pavements.

The specific locations where we are changing the speed limit are;

- (a) Upper Hale Road, Farnham – from a point 87 metres south of the centre point of its junction with Wood Road to a point 164 metres west of the centre point of its junction with Spring Lane
- (b) Alma Lane, Farnham – from its junction with Upper Hale Road north for a distance of 80 metres
- (c) Wings Road, Farnham – from its junction with Upper Hale Road, south-west for a distance of 26 metres

Speed limit assessments were carried out on several roads in Farnham, including Upper Hale Road, in December 2020. They established that average speeds in sections of Upper Hale Road were in excess of 20mph. From research 20mph speed limits with traffic calming measures are very effective in reducing speeds and casualties, may encourage a shift towards more walking and cycling, and may result in reductions in traffic on the road as vehicles choose alternative routes.

This scheme is part of the Farnham Infrastructure Programme, which is being delivered by Surrey County Council in partnership with Waverley Borough Council and Farnham Town Council with the support of Jeremy Hunt MP.

The decision to proceed to advertise the notice for the revised speed limit on Upper Hale Road has been agreed by Surrey County Council's Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager, in consultation with Surrey Police and the County Councillor for Farnham North.

The above proposals will be advertised in the Farnham Herald.