

**Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on
B2037 Antlands Lane, B2037 Keepers Corner,
B2037 Effingham Road and C67 Copthorne Bank, Lingfield.**

Statement of Reasons

It is proposed to reduce the existing 50mph speed limit to a 40mph speed limit on the Roads listed below:

- (1) B2037 Antlands Lane, Smallfield
- (2) B2037 Keepers Corner, Burstow
- (3) B2037 Effingham Road, Copthorne
- (4) C67 Copthorne Bank, Copthorne, from Keepers Corner to the junction with Oaklands Drive

Burstow Parish Council have raised concerns with their divisional member about the existing 50mph speed limits on the above roads and have requested that the speed limit is reduced to 40 miles per hour. A speed limit assessment has been carried out on these roads, following the processes set out in Surrey County Council's Policy "Setting Local Speed Limits".

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 40mph. Therefore, it is proposed to reduce the speed limit on the roads detailed above from 50mph to 40mph.

A reduction in the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph on the listed roads has been found to be compliant with the policy and is supported by the Police.

The Highway Operations & Commissioning Manager, under delegated authority, has agreed that the speed limit on the listed roads should be reduced from 50mph to 40mph.

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 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%.

It is proposed to reduce the speed limits the roads listed above from 50mph to 40mph to both reduce traffic speeds and reduce the number of collisions.