

## **Statement of Reasons**

### **Proposed 20mph speed limit in Southway**

As part of the Countywide ITS schemes for 2025, Surrey County Council is proposing to install a zebra crossing outside Guildford Grove Primary School.

There have been several concerns raised by residents and Local Member that vehicles are speeding and difficulties of pedestrians crossing in Southway, Guildford. Speed surveys were carried out in Southway between Pond Medow and Southway Roundabout. The results indicate that the speed limit in this section can be reduced to 20mph and suitable for a zebra crossing.

A reduction in the speed limit to 30mph to 20mph on this section comply with the policy and is supported by the Police.

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%.

Therefore, it is proposed to reduce the speed limit in Southway (section between Southway Roundabout and Pond Medow) to 20mph in order to both reduce speeds and the number of collisions. Please see the attached plan for the location of the proposed zebra crossing.

The above proposal will be advertised in the local press (The Surrey Advertiser). County and Borough Councillors, Parish Council and relevant stakeholders will be consulted.

