

Surrey County Council

D25 Benner Lane, West End – School Safety Scheme

Statement of Reasons

Concerns have previously been raised by the school, residents and parents about vehicle speeds, difficulties crossing the road and about road safety in Benner Lane near the Holy Trinity school.

In response to these concerns, a school safety scheme consisting of the following measures has been proposed.

- Traffic calming measures (speed cushions) between Jenner Drive and Streets Heath.
- Zebra crossing on a raised road table outside the school
- Introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Benner Lane (between Jenner Drive and Streets Heath) and in some other surrounding roads in the area (where speeds are already sufficiently low to allow a 20mph speed limit to be introduced using signing alone).

The proposed measures will help make it safer and easier for parents and children to walk, cycle and scoot to school. Encouraging and supporting an increase in these sustainable modes of transport will contribute towards a reduction in car journeys and congestion.

To further promote sustainable transport modes, the removal of the 2 existing lay-by areas outside the school (which encourage school journeys to be made by car) has also been considered. Removing the lay-bys would potentially provide an opportunity to install environmental enhancement measures to help create an improved street scene outside the school.

Public engagement has been undertaken to seek the views of parents, residents, the school and other key stakeholders about the proposals.

A total of 179 responses were received to the engagement, of which 147 (82%) were in support of the proposed measures.

Out of the 147 responses received in support of the scheme, 90 favoured retaining the parking lay-bys whilst 57 favoured removing the lay-bys.

Having considered the views expressed in response to the engagement in consultation with the local county councillor, it has been decided that we should proceed with introducing the proposed measures and retain the existing lay-by areas outside the school.