

Introduction of a 20mph speed limit in a number of roads in Chipstead

Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order

Concerns have frequently been raised regarding the speed of vehicles using the roads within Chipstead. Speed surveys and assessments have been carried out by Surrey County Council and Chipstead Residents Association regarding the installation of a 20mph speed limit. However, the previous speed limit policy meant that because the mean speeds were above 24mph, traffic calming measures would have had to be installed to ensure that the 20mph speed limit was self-enforcing, making a 20mph speed limit unaffordable.

In July 2024, a new speed limit policy was introduced by Surrey County Council, which means that roads where recorded mean speeds are between 25mph and 28mph a 20mph speed limit can be introduced with "light touch" measures. These measures could consist of (but are not limited to), additional speed limit carriageway roundels, electronic vehicle activated signs and enhanced speed limit gateways. This enables Surrey County Council to install more 20mph speed limits without supporting traffic calming measures.

As a result of the change to Surrey County Council's Speed Limit policy, one of the schemes funded from the County Councillors highway allocation for this current financial year is the installation of a 20mph speed limit in the following roads in Chipstead:

- That length of C136 Portnalls Road from the point it becomes C136 Coulsdon Lane, north-eastwards to the boundary between the Borough of Reigate and Banstead and the London Borough of Croydon
- That length of C136 High Road from the point it becomes C136 Coulsdon Lane to a point 40m north from centreline of D1151 Castle Road.
- The entire length of C136 Coulsdon Lane.
- That length of C137 Hazelwood Lane that extends from its junction with C136 High Road, to a point 3m north of the southern property boundary of "Fairfield".
- The entire length of D1079 Bouverie Road.
- The entire length of D1079 Highwold (that extends from its junction with D1079 Bouverie Road, to its junction with X25281 Highwold).
- The entire length of D1079 Lissoms Road.
- The entire length of D1079 Hollymead Road.
- That length of D1079 Hollymead Road from its junction with C136 Portnalls Road to the boundary between the Borough of Reigate and Banstead and the London Borough of Croydon.
- The entire length of D1080 How Lane.
- The entire length of D1080 Yew Tree Close.
- The entire length of D1083 Walpole Avenue.
- The entire length of D1083 Doghurst Lane.
- The entire length of D1084 Starrock Lane.
- The entire length of D1084 Vincents Close.
- The entire length of D1151 Castle Road.

Speed limits can help to reduce accidents and improve safety for all road users. It has been shown that the slower a vehicle is travelling, then the less likelihood there is of a serious or fatal injury occurring. It is expected that the creation of a 20mph zone will contribute to improving road safety and the environment in the vicinity.

The County Councillor has been consulted and they support the proposal.

The above proposal will be advertised in the local press. County and Borough Councillors, stakeholders and the police will be formally consulted.