Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on

B269 Limpsfield Road, B269 The Green, B270 Westhall Road, D1347 Glebe Road, D1347 Elm Road, D1347 Elm Close, Warlingham

Statement of Reasons

It is proposed to reduce the existing 30mph speed limit to a 20mph speed limit on the following sections of road:

- (1) B269 Limpsfield Road, Warlingham Between the junction of D1345 Shelton Avenue and the junction of D1348 Chapel Road.
- (2) B269 The Green The entire extents between the eastern and western junctions with B269 Limpsfield Road.
- (3) B270 Westhall Road Between the junction of B269 The Green and 15 metres north of the junction of D1348 Leas Road.
- (4) D1347 Glebe Road The entire extents between the northern and southern extents of the road.
- (5) D1347 Elm Road The entire extents between the western junction of D1347 Glebe Road and its northern extents.
- (6) D1347 Elm Close The entire extents between the northern junction of D1347 Elm Road and its southern extents.

The roads to be included within the proposed 20mph speed limit are classed as restricted roads under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The system of street lighting in the road indicates to drivers that the speed limit is 30mph.

Speed surveys have been carried out around Warlingham Green in B269 Limpsfield Road and B269 The Green with the results of the speed surveys complying with the Surrey County Council policy for introducing a 20mph speed limit. The adjacent side roads of Glebe Road, Elm Road and Elm Close are no through roads that have been observed to be a low speed environment.

An existing 20mph speed limit exists in Farleigh Road. To encourage drivers to maintain a steady, low speed through the centre of the village it is proposed that the extents of the proposed limit ties in with the existing 20mph limit in Farleigh Road.

The Highway Operations & Commissioning Manager, under delegated authority, has agreed the progression of a 20mph speed limit in the roads proposed to be included within

the 20mph speed limit extents. The proposal is supported by Surrey Police and local elected Members.

Guidance from the Department for Transport emphasises that research into signed only 20mph speed limits lead to small reductions in traffic speeds. Therefore, signed only 20mph speed limits are most appropriate where traffic speeds are already low. Research has shown that if average speeds fall by 1mph then the collision rate will fall by approximately 5%.