Surrey County Council A2044 Woodhatch Road, Reigate, Traffic Calming and Speed Limit Reduction Proposals Statement of Reasons

The County Council are promoting the above draft Traffic Regulation Order on safety grounds, following an assessment of the road. A2044 Woodhatch Road, which is a two-way road, is an 'A' road with a system of street lighting and a 30mph speed limit from Pendleton Road to Gateway 75m east of Tiler's Way before changing to 40mph.

This proposal is to enhance the existing pedestrian route in the area and improve pedestrian safety by installing a new raised junction table on Woodhatch Road at its junction with Tiler's Way, together with two additional tables either side of the junction. The 30mph speed limit is proposed to be extended from its existing location to the southeast of the 'Lakes Café' vehicular entrance, with the intention of reducing speeds where higher pedestrian activity is occurring.

The safety of pedestrians (particularly children and those that are visually or mobility impaired) will be improved by emphasising the need for drivers to reduce vehicular speed when crossing over the raised tables. Motorists have also expressed difficulty exiting Tiler's Way, due to some speeding vehicles on this section of the 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 by reducing the existing speed limit to 30mph that this will contribute to improving road safety and improving the environment in the vicinity.

These two measures will help reduce vehicle speeds, improve safety and accessibility for all road users including pedestrians and cyclists.

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