Statement of Reasons

Proposed 40mph speed limit in High Barn Road and Critten Lane, Effingham

- It is proposed to reduce the existing national speed limit to 40mph on the following roads: C43 Critten Lane – from its junction with the entrance to St Teresa's School to its junction with Ranmore Common Road and D268 High Barn Road – along its entire length.

- High Barn Road and Critten Lane are rural roads with a small number of residential properties. There are no footways along either road, and concerns have been raised by local residents and the Parish Council, through their divisional member, regarding the appropriateness of the existing national speed limit. Speed limit assessments have been undertaken on both roads in accordance with Surrey County Council's Setting Local Speed Limits Policy.

- Four speed surveys were carried out on High Barn Road and two speed surveys were undertaken on Critten Lane. The survey results complied with the criteria set out in the County Council's policy for a sign-only reduction to a 40mph speed limit. Therefore, it is proposed to reduce the speed limit on these roads from the national speed limit to 40mph.

- Under delegated authority, the Highway Operations & Commissioning Manager has approved the proposal to reduce the speed limit on these roads from the national speed limit to 40mph.

- Department for Transport guidance emphasises that sign-only speed limit reductions can result in modest reductions in vehicle speeds. Such reductions are most effective where measured traffic speeds are already close to the proposed speed limit. Research has shown that a reduction in average vehicle speed of 1mph can lead to an approximate 5% reduction in collision frequency.

- In light of the above, it is proposed that the speed limits on Critten Lane and High Barn Road, Effingham, Guildford, be reduced from the national speed limit to 40mph.