

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LITTLE GREEN LANE AND SURROUNDING ROADS, CHERTSEY
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION SCHEME (30MPH to 20MPH)**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Surrey County Council proposes to introduce a 20mph speed limit on roads around Meadowcroft Primary School. This measure is being promoted on road safety grounds.

The proposed 20mph speed limit will apply to following roads in Chertsey:

D3030 Bittams Lane (from a point 50m west of D3029 Hillcrest Avenue to its junction with C127 Green Lane)
D3029 Crosslands (entire length)
D3028 Ferndale Avenue (entire length)
D3028 Fernlands Close (entire length)
D3027 Gordon Close (entire length)
D3027 Gordon Drive (entire length)
D3029 Hillcrest Avenue (entire length)
D7005 Inglewood (entire length)
D7005 Jersey Close (entire length)
D3027 Little Green Lane (entire length)
D3028 Lyndhurst Way (entire length)
D3029 Merrylands (entire length)
D3028 Sandalwood Avenue (entire length)
D3030 Waverley Drive (entire length)

As part of Surrey County Council's Vision Zero Road Safety Strategy, which aims to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads by 50% by 2035, we are adopting a more flexible approach to implementing 20mph speed limits. This approach prioritises urban areas, residential streets, and locations near schools, and is subject to consultation with local communities.

Public engagement has already been carried out for this proposal, giving residents and other road users the opportunity to share their views and help shape the final decision. Following a review of engagement feedback, the scheme will proceed as originally proposed, with no changes.

The proposed reduction from 30mph to 20mph in this residential area, which includes Meadowcroft Primary School, is designed to improve road safety and reduce vehicle speeds.

Evidence shows that lower vehicle speeds significantly reduce the risk of serious or fatal injuries in the event of a collision. A 20mph limit is expected to enhance safety for all road users, while also contributing to a cleaner, quieter environment and encouraging walking, cycling, and safer driving.

Speed surveys have been conducted on the affected roads in accordance with Surrey County Council's Policy on Setting Local Speed Limits, and the roads meet the criteria for a reduced limit. Where existing mean speeds fall between 25 mph and 28 mph, some roads will also require 'light-touch' supporting measures to help ensure that vehicle speeds are successfully reduced. The type of supporting measures used may vary depending on local conditions and may include features such as carriageway roundels, yellow-backed signs, vehicle-activated signs, or enhanced gateways.