SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Surrey County Council (Guildford Borough)
(Various Roads in Guildford, Cranley Road area)
(20mph Speed Limit) Order 202*

CRANLEY ROAD & SURROUNDING ROADS, GUILDFORD
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION SCHEME (30MPH to 20MPH)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Surrey County Council proposes to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Cranley Road and surrounding residential roads, Guildford. This measure is being promoted on road safety grounds.

The roads included in the scheme form part of the residential area bounded by A246 Waterden Road, A246 Epsom Road, A25 Boxgrove Road, and the railway line to the north.

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

D4008 Aldersey Road (entire length)
D4007 Clandon Road (entire length)
D4008 Cranley Close (entire length)
D4008 Cranley Road (entire length)
D4007 Cross Lanes (entire length)
D4008 Easington Place (entire length)
D4008 Fielders Green (entire length)
D4008 Hilgay (entire length)
D4008 Hilgay Close (entire length)
D4008 Hillier Road (entire length)
D4007 Lower Edgeborough Road (entire length)
D4008 Maori Road (entire length)
D4008 Pit Farm Road (entire length)
D4008 Springhaven Close (entire length)
D4008 Tormead Road (entire length)
D4008 Watford Close (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 Tormead School and RGS Prep 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 exceed 24mph, 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.