SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

ROADS AROUND SALFORDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, REDHILL
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION SCHEME (30MPH to 20MPH)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

The proposed 20mph speed limit will apply to each of the roads listed below:

D1293 Brookfield Close (entire length)
D359 Copsleigh Avenue (entire length)
D359 Copsleigh Close (entire length)
D359 Copsleigh Way (entire length)
D1293 Hillford Place (entire length)
D1293 Mayfield Close (entire length)
D359 West Avenue (entire length)
D359 Woodside Way (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 Salfords Primary School, is designed to improve road safety and reduce vehicle speeds.

Since the speed limit was last reviewed, the character and use of the area has evolved. Salfords Primary School has increased in capacity and a large care home has been developed within the scheme area, resulting in increased pedestrian activity and a greater number of vulnerable road users within the area. The proposed 20mph speed limit is intended to better reflect the current character of the area and support a lower-speed environment for all road users.

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.