Proposed 20mph speed limit in Woodplace Lane, Coulsdon
Statement of Reasons

It is proposed that the speed limit in D1153 Woodplace Lane, Coulsdon (from its junction with Pretty Lane to its junction with Park Lane) using signs only. There are no footways along Woodplace Lane and concerns have been raised by local residents and the County Councillor regarding the appropriateness of the existing 30mph speed limit. Speed limit assessments have been undertaken on Woodplace Lane in accordance with Surrey County Council's Setting Local Speed Limits Policy

The survey results complied with the criteria set out in the County Council's policy for a sign-only reduction to a 20mph speed limit. Therefore, it is proposed to reduce the speed limit on these roads from the national speed limit to 20mph.

Under delegated authority, the Highway Operations & Commissioning Manager has approved the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Woodplace Lane from 30mph to 20mph.

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 Woodplace Lane, Coulsdon be reduced from the 30mph to 20mph.