SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

VARIOUS ROADS IN BANSTEAD (HIGH STREET AREA)
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION SCHEME (30MPH to 20MPH)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Surrey County Council proposes to extend existing 20mph speed limits in Banstead to include the High Street and a number of adjacent roads currently subject to a 30mph limit. This measure is being promoted on road safety grounds.

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

Avenue Road (entire length)
Bolters Lane (from a point in line with the north-western property boundary of the property known as "Pegasus Court" (the location of the existing 20mph/30mph terminal sign) to a point 20 metres north of its southern junction with The Horseshoe (including the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout forming the junction with High Street)
Cheviot Close (entire length)
Chiltons Close (entire length)
Colcokes Road (entire length)
Court Road (from a point in line with the property boundary between No.7 and No.9 Court Road (the location of the existing 20mph/30mph terminal sign) westwards to its junction with Avenue Road and De Burgh Park)
Courtlands Crescent (entire length)
De Burgh Park (entire length)
Garden Close (entire length)
Garrard Road (entire length)
Garratts Lane (from a point 10 metres northeast of the property boundary between No.6 and No.8 Garratts Lane, south-westwards to a point 5 metres east of its junction with Shrubland Road)
High Street (entire length)
High Street Service Road For 2 To 22 And Shopping Parade (entire length)
Monks Road (entire length)
Neville Close (entire length)
Wilmot 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 area, which includes the High Street and surrounding residential roads, is designed to improve road safety and reduce vehicle speeds.

These roads have a concerning collision record, with 25 injury incidents over the past five years, 12 involving pedestrians, and six resulting in serious injuries. Slower speeds on these roads aim to reduce the risk and severity of collisions, helping to prevent life-changing injuries and improve safety 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. Traffic calming is not required. However, where speeds are highest, 'light-touch' features such as yellow-backed signs, Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) or painted roundels will be included.