

Statement of Reasons

Proposed Speed Limit Reduction Shackleford

There have been several concerns raised by residents and Local Members that vehicles are speeding along Tilehouse Road and East Shalford Lane.

Several speed surveys were carried out across Tilehouse Road and East Shalford Lane and found that the speed limit can be reduced to 20mph in those roads using signs and markings only.

A reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on Tilehouse Road from its junction with Pilgrims Way to its junction with Shalford Lane, and on East Shalford Lane from its junction with A281 The Street to its junction with Tilehouse Road, together with a reduction from the national speed limit to 20mph on East Shalford Lane from its junction with Tilehouse Road to the railway crossing, complies with Surrey County Council's speed limit policy and is supported by local members.

Guidance from the Department for Transport emphasises that research into signed alone reductions in speed limits does lead to small reductions in traffic speeds. Therefore, signed speed limit reductions are most appropriate where measured traffic speeds are close to the proposed speed limits. Research has shown that if average speeds fall by 1mph then the collision rate will fall by approximately 5%.

Therefore it is proposed to reduce the speed limits in Tilehouse Road from its junction with Pilgrims Way to its junction with Shalford Lane, East Shalford Lane from its junction with A281 The Street to its junction with Tilehouse Road and the whole length of East Shalford Lane from its junction with Tilehouse Road to the railway crossing to 20mph in order to both reduce speeds and the number of collisions.

The above proposal will be advertised in the local press (The Surrey Advertiser). County and Borough Councillors, Parish Council and relevant stakeholders will be consulted.