## A328 Priest Hill, Englefield Green – Proposed 40mph Speed Limit

## Statement of Reasons

The A328 Priest Hill and a short length of the adjoining A328 St Jude's Road in Englefield Green Road are currently subject to national speed limit (60mph). They are rural unlit roads.

A Battersea Dogs and Cats site and a school are located on Priest Hill. In addition, there is a large stable complex with fields on the opposite side of the road. Horses therefore regularly cross, and walk along, the road.

Residents and the County Councillor have raised concerns about vehicle speeds, road safety, and the appropriateness of the existing speed limit along these lengths of road.

In response to the concerns raised, a speed limit assessment has been completed in accordance with Surrey County Council's Setting Local Speed Limits policy. Based on the findings, a reduction in speed limit to 40mph has been proposed. The police have been consulted and have raised no objections to the proposal.

In the five-year period from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2026, there were six personal injury collisions on the sections of road where a speed limit reduction is proposed. Five collisions resulted in slight injuries, and one resulted in serious injuries. Tragically, one of these collisions also resulted in the fatal injury of a horse.

The proposed reduction in speed limit will help improve road safety and will ensure that the roads are subject to speed limits that are appropriate and consistent with Surrey County Council's Setting Local Speed Limits Policy.

Public engagement has been undertaken to seek feedback about the proposed speed limit reduction. 116 responses were received. The following table summarises the views expressed:

| Question | Response | | |
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| | Happy or Very Happy | Neutral | Unhappy or Very Unhappy |
| How do you feel about our proposed 40mph speed limit? | 94 (81%) | 2 (2%) | 20 (17%) |

Having considered the views expressed in response to the engagement in consultation with the local county councillor, the decision has been made to proceed with introducing the proposed speed limit reduction.

A short section of Priest Hill that is currently subject to the national speed limit lies within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM). RBWM has confirmed that it raises no objection to the proposed reduction in the speed limit and has agreed that Surrey County Council may advertise and implement the change, subject to the outcome of the statutory consultation, for the sections of road within its administrative area.