SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

ROADS AROUND BEACON HILL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, HINDHEAD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION SCHEME (30MPH to 20MPH)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

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

D5502 Beacon Hill Road (entire length)
D5502 Clovelly Drive (entire length)
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D5502 Downside (entire length)
D5503 Downview Close (entire length)
D5502 Eight Acres (entire length)
D5502 Fairways (entire length)
D5502 Glen Close (entire length)
D5502 Grove Road (entire length)
D5502 Heath Close (entire length)
D5502 Hill Road (entire length)
D5502 Linkside East (entire length)
D5502 Linkside North (entire length)
D5502 Linkside South (entire length)
D5502 Linkside West (entire length)
D5502 Sandheath Road (entire length)
D5503 Wood Road (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 is designed to improve road safety, support a lower-speed environment, and better reflect the needs of the communities and facilities it serves.

The roads within the scheme area serve Beacon Hill Community Primary School, Springkell House Care Home, and surrounding residential properties. The proposed 20mph speed limit is intended to support a lower-speed environment that reflects the presence of vulnerable road users and the residential character of the area.

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.