SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
20MPH SPEED LIMIT SCHEME –
ROADS AROUND BELL FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL, HERSHAM
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION SCHEME (30MPH to 20MPH)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Surrey County Council proposes to introduce a 20mph speed limit on roads surrounding Bell Farm Primary School, Hersham, following an assessment of the area east of A244 Robinsway, north of A244 Queensway and west of Molesey Road. This measure is being promoted on road safety grounds.

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

D3836 Rydens Grove (entire length)
D3848 Albany Road (entire length)
D3848 Devon Road (entire length)
D3848 Falmouth Road (entire length)
D3848 Hersham Road (entire length)
D3848 Thistlecroft Road (entire length)
D3849 Queensway North (length east of A244 Robinsway)
D3849 Robinsway (service road east of A244 Robinsway)

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, which includes Bell Farm Primary School, is designed to improve road safety and reduce vehicle speeds.

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.