

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

ROADS AROUND SHAWFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASH SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION SCHEME (30MPH to 20MPH)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Surrey County Council proposes to introduce a 20mph speed limit on roads surrounding Shawfield Primary School, Ash, following an assessment of the area east of Shawfield and north of Ash Street. This measure is being promoted on road safety grounds. The proposed 20mph speed limit will apply to the full length of each of the roads listed below, including any associated spur roads: -

D73 Star Lane
D79 York Road
D79 Salisbury Road
D79 Murrell Road
D79 Grange Farm Road
D79 Exeter Road
D79 Chichester Road
D79 Canterbury Road
D78 Winchester Road
D616 Manfield Road
D616 Longfield Road
D616 Longacre
D616 Ewins Close
D616 Deedman Close
D616 Church View
D616 Ashdene Road
D616 Ashdene Crescent

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. During this engagement, some respondents requested that Star Lane should also be considered for a 20mph speed limit. Following a review of this feedback, Surrey County Council has expanded the proposal to include Star Lane. No other changes have been made to the original scheme.

The proposed reduction from 30mph to 20mph in this residential area, which includes Shawfield 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.