

20mph Working Group - 14th January 2025, 7pm

Location: Town Hall Chamber

Attendees: John Robini, Oliver Leach, Peter Nicholson, Alastair Bayliss

Notes: Alastair Bayliss

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The group met to begin preparing a recommendation for the Full Council meeting in March 2025. To this end broad principals were discussed and the steps which will be required to complete the work.

Principals

- 1) That a simple design is needed;
 - a) To technically deliver the proposal in a cost effective way. e.g. keep the number of speed analysis checks to a minimum, a low number of sign changes
 - b) To sell the idea to Haslemere residents. e.g. it is easy to understand, infrequent changes to speed limits.
- 2) That the core roads already agreed are included. These are the High Street, Lower Street and Wey Hill.
- 3) That roads which pass schools and the hospital are included.
- 4) That the design could evolve in the future.

It was thought that addressing the whole town, including all residential side roads, for example, could be harder to achieve than starting with roads where there is near unanimous agreement, such as the High Street or outside a school. To say the whole town *may* be seen as excessive and could require many more repeater signs, painted symbols on the road, more speed analysis work by Surrey Highways and much more in depth and lengthy public consultation, etc..

Based on these principals and thinking the group felt that the High Street (and the approaches on Petworth Road and Shepherds Hill), Lower Street, Wey Hill, Lion Lane, Derby Road (past St. Barts), Tanners Lane, Church Lane should be included. Exactly where to start the change in limit is more to do with highways design.

These principals should be tested and feedback is very welcome from the wider council.

Next Steps

Further discussion including with Surrey Highways and potentially the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) team.

A meeting will be scheduled for late February.