West Horsley Parish Council

Ockham Road North (ORN) Speed Reduction

Introduction
A speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph along ORN from Green Lane to The Drift has been approved by SCC. As the statutory authority responsible for road safety, SCC will make the final decision as to how this speed reduction will be implemented. The Parish Council has been given the opportunity to put forward comments/suggestions on how this could be done and has sought the opinions of West Horsley residents whose properties directly access ORN.

Residents' views have been collated and listed below. Some favour the introduction of signs and markings then monitor results and add physical measures only if necessary, whereas others consider that physical measures are essential from the outset.

- **Signs and road markings:** Prominent, frequent 30mph signs and painted reminders, either initially alone or alongside physical measures.
  Concerns: signs alone would not be sufficient.
- **Speed tables/platforms:** Suggested at both Green Lane/Whitehill Lane and the campsite/development access.
  Concerns include effectiveness, noise and discomfort.
- **Full-width humps:** Supported to slow all vehicles.
  Concerns: Related to noise (vehicles accelerating between humps) and potential difficulties/inconvenience to access/egress driveways depending on location.
- **Speed cushions:** Support as a less disruptive option and would be consistent with those already installed from East Lane to Lovelace Drive.
  Concerns: Larger vehicles can straddle them and so not effective in reducing speed also opposition to the close spacing for each set of cushions.
- **Chicanes:** There was some support for chicanes, but concerns raised about queues, racing oncoming traffic, intermittent effectiveness and development-junction hazards.
- **VAS/flashing/smiley face signs:** Suggested with sensitive siting.
- **Community Speed Watch:** Needed to monitor compliance with new speed.
- **Lighting:** There was some support for selective/low intensity lighting, but any lighting should have minimal intrusion into homes. However, there is strong opposition with concerns that this would adversely impact rural character and wildlife (West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan WH15 Dark Skies).
- **Rumble strips:** Suggested with siting intended to avoid noise disturbance to homes.
- **Average-speed cameras** as an additional or alternative measure.

Concerns were also raised as to how any proposed scheme might impact the residential service road as there is a risk that it will become an unofficial through route especially. Recurring concerns were to preserve the road's rural character and ensure measures do not adversely affect wildlife or harm trees (some are protected by TPOs).

Action required:
Councillors are asked to consider residents' comments and to agree a response to be submitted to SCC for consideration when designing the speed reduction scheme.

Prepared by Deputy Clerk to the Council, November 2026