

**GRAYSWOOD ROAD (A286), HASLEMERE -**

**PROPOSED REDUCTION OF THE 40 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON PART OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ROAD TO A 30 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT -**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING  
TO MAKE THE SPEED LIMIT ORDER**

The County Council are promoting the above draft Order on safety and environmental grounds following a speed limit assessment of the road. A speed limit assessment is a method of determining the most appropriate speed limit for a particular length of road and takes into account factors such as the level of road side development, accidents, pedestrian usage and the presence of schools etc.

Consequently following the assessment procedure it is proposed to impose an extension of the 30 mph speed limit on the following road:

To extend the 30mph speed limit on A286 Grayswood Road, Haslemere from its current position between the properties: Kennal and Netherton to 11m south of the common boundary between Minstead and Random House.

The imposition of lower speed limits can lead to a reduction in the number of road injury accidents if the speed limit is effective. Research published by the Department of the Environment, Transport and Regions (DETR) in 'New Directions in Speed Management' indicates that broadly each 1mph reduction in average speed can reduce accident frequency by up to 5%. The severity of injuries caused by accidents also increases with higher collision speeds.