

Site meeting on traffic calming in West Clandon

Representatives of the Parish Council met with a member of Surrey County Council Highways Department on Thursday 9th February. The purpose of the meeting was to explore possible options for improving safety on the A247 through the village of West Clandon and to undertake direct observation of traffic and safety issues which occur at particular locations along the Street.

A number of suggestions were made including those brought to the attention of the Parish Council by local residents.

Options included:

- lowering of speed limits including the possible extension of the 30mph limit north along Clandon Road;
- the installation of additional Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and the relative merits of different possible locations;
- additional warning signs;
- the removal of the white line and/or new road markings in selected locations and other measures designed to change driver perception;
- the widening of pavements to improve pedestrian safety and security.

Councillors were also able to update the SCC officer on the variety of views expressed by residents on some of the options discussed.

Surrey County Council Highways Department will use the information gained from the visit to draw up a plan which should be available for consultation through the Parish Council sometime this summer.

Any plan will be constrained by the £50k budget earmarked for this project and even this will not be secure until SCC passes the final budget for 2017/18 in late March. Since SCC is currently looking for substantial savings funding remains vulnerable until finally confirmed.