

Shalford Community Council fully supports the proposal to introduce traffic calming as a means to an end of speed reductions to below 20mph, on routes through Shalford village. It must be implemented quickly to enhance safety, air quality, noise reduction and the living environment for residents of the village.

We would like the following points to be given consideration:

The speed cushions on The Street between the Tillingbourne river and St Mary's Church seem to be an unnecessary inclusion, and if measures are to be introduced at this point we believe the cushions should be replaced by a speed table to help facilitate pedestrians crossing the road at this point as the pavement switches from one side of the road to the other.

The 20mph zone should be extended S on the A281 to just S of the junction with Broadford Road (or this short section be made 30 rather than 40mph) as this is a naturally slower section of the road approaching the right hand turn to Peasmarsh.

Historically the removal of the central white lines has been used in surrounding villages and has been proven to help reduce vehicle speeds. We would like to see the centre lines removed from the major roads in the 20mph section, even if delayed so as to be incorporated into upcoming works eg the SGN roadworks scheduled on the A281 for late summer/autumn, or the surface dressing down for future consideration on both the A281 and A248 (see the SCC Operation Horizon pages / map)

Our aspiration is to see the whole of Shalford village included within a 20mph zone, as far as the Downslip path on the southern A281, and to the end of Christmas Hill on the A248. We feel there is scope to reduce the speed to 30mph up to the junction with Poplar Road in the very near future, and eventually to continue the process to the south.

We would like to see at least some of these proposals included in the scheme for implementation now rather than being amended at some later date.