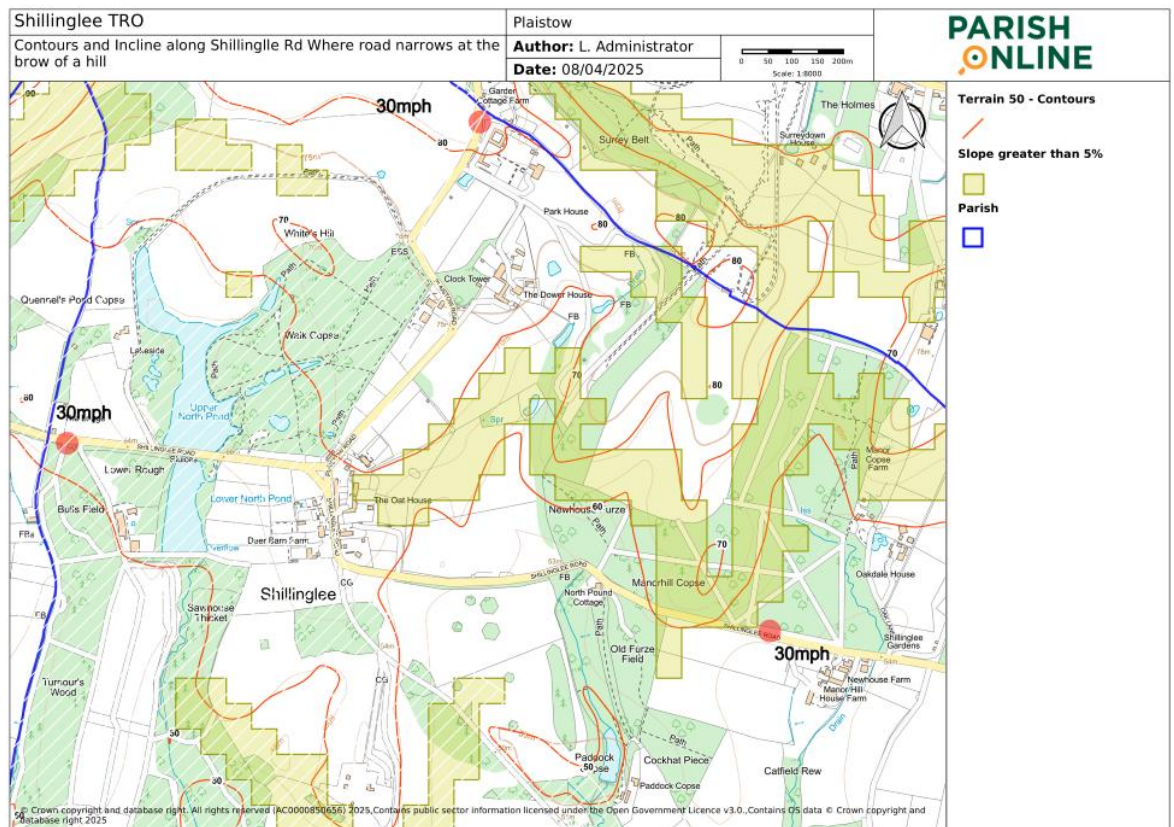


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1. Location



2. The residents have long considered the need for a reduction in the speed limit to alert drivers of the oncoming hazard through the centre of Shillinglee, the sharp angled road and the adjoining roads at the triangular junction. One resident expressed his anxiety eloquently:

“I no longer walk my dog from the house — but very irritatingly, load him into my car parked in the layby in front of the house and drive elsewhere to take him for a walk. It simply isn’t safe to venture onto the road any longer.”

AT one time very little travelled along the Shillinglee Road other than farm vehicles. Today very little farming is carried on in Shillinglee itself and the road seems now to be much better recognised by trucks and modern large high-speed tractors/trailers as a useful through route. With the advent of GPS Satnav, ordinary car traffic from further afield can easily identify the road as one of the few East-West routes in this part of Sussex providing a rat run to Gatwick Airport and for other commuting journeys. The recent HGV restriction on the Dunsfold Road from Surrey has redirected HGV vehicles along this route heading south.

The road’s characteristics of significantly sharp bends, narrow width, and limited/zero visibility ahead in many places are little changed from 1984. The road has no pavements and has limited verges for safe walking, especially where some of the tight bends are.

Other changes in road use since 1984 involve much increased use for leisure activities which do not mix well with speeding vehicles e.g. more horse riding, bicycle rallies and pedestrians completing their circular walks through Shillinglee Park.

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Related to these hazards I can identify 4 separate “centres” of stables where leisure horse riding sets off along the road. One in GU8 4SX, and 3 in GU8 4SY.

A recent traffic collision at the triangle highlights the danger. March 25



The result of speeding on the sharp bend immediately after the hill at Pound Cottages travelling west towards the centre of the settlement. Summer 2023 GU8 4SZ



Summer 2021 Tower Farmhouse Garden GU8 4SY



3. Residents replied in numbers supporting a consultation on a proposal for traffic calming (comments noted on attached Appendix A) together with the Angling Society based at the lakes nearby.
4. The TRO would help to calm traffic speeds however residents will need to remain vigilant when using the local roads for walking, cycling and horse riding. It is hoped the 30mph signs can alert drivers to the fact there is a settlement area and for drivers to become vigilant as well.
5. The proposals would create minimum cost to WSCC Highways as signage is long lasting with minimal maintenance.
6. The TRO would create a safer environment along the roads for active travel such as walking and cycling and reduce traffic collisions.
7. The Sussex Highways Speed Limit Policy: -
Recommends a 30mph speed limit generally, where a high proportion of Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) are, or could be, present and 20mph is deemed not appropriate:
 - Built up / partially built-up urban areas with a high proportion of property (e.g. houses, shops, church) frontage.
 - Rural Villages.
 - Rural “Quiet Ways” where roads are narrow, have no footways and only a narrow verge, have low traffic volume and low speeds and support a combination of VRUs

The circumstances at 7 above fit the description of the area:

The PROWs in the location are frequently used by residents in the centre of Shillinglee for walking dog walking riding and off- road cycling to get to any of these PROWs it is necessary to use the roads under consideration. This creates usage not infrequently by VRUs.

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The area is a rural “Quiet Way” location where road users come across this hazard unexpectedly even if familiar with the route. The lack of landmarks particularly from the Dunsfold Road direction creates unfamiliarity of exact location and distance.

The circumstances which exist in the settlement area are:

- There are young children who live in houses by the side of this road.
- Every household but two have dogs.
- There are Stable Yards with direct access onto the main road.
- Everyone in the village has no choice but to walk on the road — because there are no pavements.
- Coming out of the bend in the direction of Haslemere there are two fishing lakes where regularly 20+ vehicles park on the side of the road in order to gain access to the fishing ponds.
- One resident suffers from multiple sclerosis and has to get into a car parked almost exactly where the accident occurred photographed above. Their car is visible in the photos below.
- Almost every car which turns into the side road from the main road — **cuts the corner** — as you cannot see round the bend before you turn. The photographs below were taken on the morning of 21st March 2025.



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8. Leading east out of Shillinglee along Shillinglee road there is an incline of over 5% as shown on the location map. In this location as the road rises to the brow of a hill the road also narrows, it is not possible to see oncoming traffic until the hilltop is reached and by that time, if vehicles are moving at speed, this presents a very dangerous situation.
9. There are grounds to extend the 30mph request further east due to flood issues on the road but these need to be investigated as they could be resolved by sorting out the blocked drains rather than reducing speed. However, in this location it is possible to see the debris of car undercarriages and bumpers which has been torn off vehicles as they travel too fast through flood water.

For these reasons Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council ask WSCC Highways to support a TRO for 30mph leading into the centre of Shillinglee.