The B3000 is an extremely busy route for vehicles travelling east/west to the south of Guildford. The volume of traffic through Compton village has an adverse impact but that is inevitable unless alternative routes were created. However, drivers seem to have little regard for the resident community with most vehicles exceeding the speed limit and creating danger and distress.

**Speeding Offences**

The Vehicle Activated Speed signs (VAS) in the village have produced data which has been given to Surrey County Council and Surrey Police as follows

* 89% of vehicles exceed the 30mph speed limit.
* 70% exceed 40mph and
* 10% exceed 50mph.

Figures from Surrey County Council are lower but still show 77% of vehicles speeding in one direction and approximately half in the other.

This represents over 3 million speeding offences every year! There is a significant proportion of commercial vehicles and 8.5% are heavy goods vehicles.

Residents’ vehicles travelling at 30mph or turning into their driveways are regularly overtaken by impatient drivers which is incredibly dangerous.

**Speedwatch**

Several residents have spent over 10 years as Speedwatch volunteers. The reality is that it has very little impact other than for a few minutes during a session. Letters issued by the Police based on Speedwatch information carry no penalty. Surrey Police have said they recognise that fear of prosecution has largely gone. When last checked there was one Police mobile camera van for Surrey (though it may have been increased).

**Pedestrian Flow**

Many pavements in the village are narrow and, in some cases, don’t exist at all. At these points residents must cross the busy road, which is difficult and dangerous.

The pavement on the north side of the main road between Withies Lane and Polsted Lane ends half way and on the south side there is no pavement between St Nicholas Church and Eastbury Lane which again means pedestrians crossing the road at points where sight lines are poor.

Pedestrians regularly have to cross the road between Withies Lane and The Avenue with real danger from high speed vehicles.

**Solutions**

In my 35 years in Compton there have been endless discussions with Surrey County Council and Surrey Police seeking help for the village and nothing has been done apart from a pedestrian island near the junction with Fowlerscroft road. There are always reasons why things can’t be done and no positive initiatives.

Here are my suggestions;

1. Average Speed Cameras would immediately have a significant traffic calming benefit. This by far and away the best solution and has been installed in villages with much less traffic.
2. White Village Gates, in the style of those leading into Elstead, at the start of the 30mph zones would remind drivers that this is a village.
3. A central pedestrian island between the junctions of The Avenue and Withies Lane. This is a regular crossing place for pedestrians at a high vehicle speed location.
4. Thermoplastic road markings in the style of those in Alfold which give the visual impression to drivers of narrower points without actually creating any chicanes.
5. Completing the pavement between Withies Lane and Polsted Lane
6. Alerting drivers to pedestrians crossing on the bend at Eastbury Lane due to no pavement between Eastbury Manor and St Nicholas church.
7. Keeping all pavements clear of vegetation and overhanging bushes/branches.
8. Incorporating the very difficult junction of New Pond Road and Binscombe Lane into the overall traffic plan for the village. Extending the 30mph limit to Binscombe Lane, particularly bearing in mind the Farm shop on Mellersh Farm and the proposed residential development off Binscombe Lane.

**Other Village Issues**

Village car parking. There is very limited parking which inhibits community events. No obvious solution but should be a serious consideration in any Compton plan.

The level of litter from passing cars and fly tipping is disgusting. It damages the environment and affects the community. Allocate funding for regular litter clearing, install cameras to identify offenders and issue lots of maximum fines, and publicise this is happening.

I hope these comments will be useful.