

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 7 MARCH 2016

SUBJECT: PETITION – CHANGE THE ZEBRA CROSSING IN CROYDON ROAD, REIGATE TO A PELICAN CROSSING

DIVISION: REIGATE



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To consider a petition containing 214 signatures – by Mr Richard Coppen.

Details of petition:

The pedestrian crossing in Croydon Road, Reigate has been a serious cause for concern amongst local residents for many years. It is currently a zebra crossing with only dim belisha beacons, and due to the proximity to the railway bridge, these do not act as any warning to motorists that there is a crossing there at all. The crossing is on a main school route for many local children. There have already been several serious accidents at this crossing resulting in injury, and residents feel it is only a matter of time before someone is more seriously injured, maimed or killed there. We feel that the best and safest solution would be to change the crossing from a zebra crossing, to a pelican crossing with pedestrian controlled traffic lights.

RESPONSE:

The A242 Croydon Road connects the A25 Reigate Road in Reigate with the A23 London Road South between Redhill and Merstham and as such it carries significant volumes of traffic. The zebra crossing is located between Doods Park Road and the east west railway line between Reigate and Redhill. This crossing has been in place for many years.

A review of reported personal injury collisions on the A242 Croydon Road in the vicinity of the crossing between December 2012 and November 2015 shows one collision involving slight personal injury. This collision was a rear end shunt between two vehicles at the junction with Doods Park Road, and did not involve any pedestrians.

There is a yellow backed sign on the southbound approach to the zebra crossing to warn drivers of the crossing but there is no equivalent sign on the northbound approach to the crossing. However one could be provided during the 2016/17 financial year funded from the Local Committee's budget for signs and road markings.

It is acknowledged that the yellow globes at the top of the belisha beacons on the crossing are somewhat faded. If the existing globes were replaced with new globes surrounded by LED halos then the visibility of the crossing would be improved. The cost would be in the region of £4,000. However there is no funding allocated at the present time. It is proposed that officers obtain a confirmed price and provide this information to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the divisional member.

It should be noted that replacing the zebra crossing with a signalised crossing, as the petitioner suggests, would cost in the region of £100,000. Allocation of funding is prioritised against other demands given the limited budget available for this type of work. Given the low collision rate at the site, with only one personal injury collision in the past three years that did not involve a pedestrian on the crossing, replacing the existing zebra crossing with a signalised crossing would be a low priority. However this could be added to the Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) list for consideration for possible future funding.

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