



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(ELMBRIDGE)**

**LETTER OF REPRESENTATION RESPONSE
THE WOODLANDS / WOODEND / GROVE WAY, ESHER**

20 JUNE 2011

KEY ISSUE

To update the Committee on conclusions and recommendations to requests made in a Letter of Representation submitted to this Committee on 28 February 2011.

SUMMARY

This report informs members on investigations carried out following safety concerns raised by residents of The Woodlands, Woodend and Grove Way, Esher

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to note that work will be undertaken to improve the clarity of road markings and improved signage installed to provide suitable warning to highway users of the junction.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A letter of representation was submitted to this Committee, signed by local residents. The full details are as follows:

“We the undersigned do hereby petition Surrey County Council to urgently undertake the road safety improvements to the crossroads of Woodend, The Woodlands and Grove Way (Esher) identified within Appendix A to this petition and thereby comply with its duty of care to pedestrian, cyclists, residents and motorists. For the avoidance of doubt, the road safety improvements required of SCC in this petition are in addition to the double yellow lines at the crossroads, approved subject to consultation, by SCC at its 1st March 2010 Local Committee meeting.”

- 1.2 The woodlands junction is in a predominantly residential area and is accessed via the A244 Lammas Lane and B3379 Ember Lane.
- 1.3 Anecdotal evidence suggests that the road is used as a cut through to avoid congestion on the A207 Portsmouth Road and A309 Hampton Court Way. The area is subject to a 30mph speed limit.
- 1.4 There is a HGV restriction in place prohibiting use of the route by Heavy Goods Vehicles. There are currently no waiting restrictions in place however it is understood that there are proposals for introduction shortly.
- 1.5 The County Council database, supplied by Surrey Police, of personal injury collisions shows that, in the 36 months to the end of September 2010 (the latest date for which figures are available) there have been 4 personal injury collisions, all slight in nature, two of which involved right turn in to the Woodlands and two involved overrunning the junction.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Further to a site visit involving road safety officers, highway officer and Police it is clear there is scope to improve the signing and lining in place and it is proposed that this work be ordered.
- 2.2 There is no vehicular flow or speed data available for this junction. However, site observations indicate that average speeds are in keeping with what speeds are expected in a 30mph speed limit.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The petitioners also requested ‘Stop Lines and Signs’ to be introduced here. Such installation requires the Department for Transport authority and is it considered that this would be very unlikely to be given, given the low numbers of personal injury collisions and experience of other locations where authority has been sought but not given. It is considered that refreshing the lines in place as well improved signage and the

introduction of waiting restrictions should improve the situation. However, the site will continue to be monitored following improvements being made.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 This report is being considered following the request of residents within this area.
- 4.2 The location was visited and reviewed by the Casualty Reduction Working Group involving the Police, Road Safety Officers and Highways Officers.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is anticipated that the work required will be low in cost and will be easily funded within the budgets available further to the Local Committee agreeing the annual highways programme.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Further to site investigation it is proposed that refreshment of lining and improved signing should occur. The Council regularly reviews collisions across the County and this location will be monitored following the improvements made.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 The works proposed will be ordered. Following these improvements and the introduction of proposed waiting restrictions the site will be monitored to ensure the interventions are effective.

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