



Surrey County Council
Local Committee In Epsom & Ewell
14 September 2009

PETITION 1:

Sri Raja Rajeswary Amman Temple Procession, Stoneleigh, Epsom
Mrs. Olga Nitsche

A petition has been received from local residents in the Stoneleigh area regarding the route of a procession led by a hand drawn chariot that takes place annually for devotees of the Hindu Temple.

Officer Response:

Please see the attached report prepared by the Local Highway Officer.

PETITION 2:

Church Road Epsom – traffic calming measure
Mr Michael Ware

A petition has been received from the residents in Church Road, Epsom regarding the use of this road as a short cut to avoid Epsom Town Centre, and alarmed at the speed at which some cars and vans drive through the road especially given the number of young children that live in the street. The residents appeal to the Council to impose traffic calming measures in the road.

Officer Response:

The County Council receives a limited budget from Central Government each year in the form of a grant, which may be used for road safety improvements. All income raised through local taxes to be used on the highways is dedicated for maintenance. The grant awarded by Central Government is based upon the council's ability to demonstrate how it will reduce injuries on our roads by means of a Local Transport Plan. The Plan must include casualty reduction targets.

Surrey police attend all road collisions in Epsom and Ewell which have resulted in personal injury and record details of the incident including contributory factors such as speed. The County Council has access to the collision database and a history of injury accidents since the beginning of 2004 has been investigated. There have been 3 such collisions during this period, each resulting in "slight" injuries. One followed an injudicious turning manoeuvre at the junction of College Road; one resulted in a car hitting a wall after the driver pressed the accelerator instead of the brake and one following loss of control in wet conditions. In none did the Police cite speed as a factor.

Under the terms of the Local Transport Plan, traffic calming may only be considered if justification can be demonstrated and the proposed measures will directly address the cause of a pattern of accidents. The level of accidents in Church Road is not excessive and, given speed has not been identified as a common factor, we are unable to accede to this request.