



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(MOLE VALLEY)**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION TRAFFIC AND PARKING
PROBLEMS IN VINCENT ROAD, DORKING**

12 MARCH 2008

KEY ISSUE

To consider a response to the petition submitted to the Committee on 5 December 2007 on behalf of the residents of Vincent Road about traffic and parking problems in Vincent Road, Dorking.

RESPONSE

The petition was presented to highlight the residents' concerns about the double 'rat-run' traffic, traffic speed and parking conditions that are present in Vincent Road, Dorking and follow the submission of a planning application for 5 new dwellings to be constructed in Vincent Road. Petitioners' request junction narrowing, residents' access only, traffic calming humps and yellow lines to overcome the issues described.

The developer has offered a unilateral undertaking, subject to the grant of planning consent for 5 new dwellings, to be constructed in Vincent Road to the rear of 94-102 South Street, including part of the existing tool hire premises, and including the existing garage in Vincent Road.

The unilateral undertaking would bind the developer, on grant of planning consent, prior to commencement of the development, to pay the County Council the sum of £10,000 toward highway improvements to be carried out at the junctions of Vincent Road with South Street and Vincent Lane

A developer usually has five years to commence a development following the grant of planning consent, therefore, the future commencement date and receipt of funding is currently unknown.

Vincent Road also has the rather unique issue of being treated as a shortcut between South Street and Vincent Road in both directions. It has been suggested that with the increased use of satellite navigation equipment Vincent Road is experiencing an increase in traffic movements as drivers are being directed along roads that are not necessarily suitable.

Surrey County Council currently has programmed improvements for the junction of Vincent Road and South Street to improve the pedestrian crossing facilities across both roads, involving building out the footway and providing dropped kerbs at the junction. It is anticipated that these measures will be constructed during the 2008/2009 financial year.

Options may exist to alter the layout of Vincent Road to prevent 'rat running', whilst maintaining access to all public highway users and alterations at Vincent Road junction with Vincent Lane may be appropriate. However the feasibility of these outline proposals will require funding from the unilateral undertaking when this becomes available.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to note the above and be aware that no further action will be taken until the funding becomes available from the developer.

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