



**OFFICER RESPONSE TO PETITIONER
LOCAL COMMITTEE
(MOLE VALLEY)**

**DORKING NURSERY SCHOOL CROSSING AND PARKING
PETITION**

9 DECEMBER 2009

A petition of 109 signatures was received from Catherine Leach on behalf parents and guardians whose children attend Dorking Nursery School, as follows:

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to provide adequate parking for the parents and guardians whose children attend Dorking Nursery School by January 2010, also to provide a zebra crossing in front of the nursery in order for pedestrians to cross the busy one way system to access the nursery safely.

Response from Estates, Planning and Management:

With regard to the potential for further parking on site - we recognise the concerns of the users of the Nursery and as the owners of the land we have been reviewing the layout and management of the car park area. These factors were borne in mind when dealing with the release of the Old Fire Station for residential development. Over the next few months we hope to be formally consulting with the neighbours and the Planning authority about a potential scheme, which would create further parking and enhanced landscaping. However, if this is feasible, it would probably be carried out in the next financial year.

The Local Highways Manager responds:

Although it would be desirable for pedestrians to have better facilities to cross West Street, Surrey Highways does not have any plans for an improvement scheme. The road is subject to considerable traffic volumes because it carries the A25 through Dorking. The carriageway and footway widths are constrained by the building lines on both sides of the road and designing a pedestrian crossing facility would require careful consideration with an initial feasibility study. Funding for such work is not currently available since budgets are allocated for other minor highway improvements in Mole Valley.