



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

GARRATTS LANE/HOLLY LANE/ BOLTERS LANE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS PETITION REPORT

7 DECEMBER 2009

KEY ISSUE

To consider a petition signed by residents of Banstead Village and the surrounding local area requesting Surrey County Council to provide formal pedestrian crossings at the St Anne's roundabout junction of Garratts Lane, Holly Lane and Bolters Lane in Banstead.

SUMMARY

A petition has been received, signed by 296 residents of Banstead village and the surrounding local area requesting the provision of formal pedestrian crossings at the St Anne's roundabout junction of Garratts Lane, Holly Lane and Bolters Lane in Banstead. The petition states "*We, the undersigned residents of Banstead Village and the surrounding local area, request Surrey County Council to provide formal pedestrian crossings at the St Anne's roundabout junction of Garratts Lane, Holly Lane and Bolters Lane in Banstead, Surrey*".

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to agree that:

- (i) Petitioners are advised that pedestrian Safer Routes to School improvements are already included in the Reigate and Banstead five year scheme programme, as agreed by Local Committee on 20 July 2009, to investigate, design and implement the provision of pedestrian

crossing facilities at the junction of Holly Lane/Garratts Lane/Bolters Lane and improvements on the surrounding footways.

- (ii) Improvements to the eastern footway in Bolters Lane between High Street and Court Road be carried out in 2009/10, funded from the Local Transport Plan budget as approved by Local Committee on 20 July 2009.
- (iii) Local Revenue funding, up to value of £3,000, be used to carry out option identification and feasibility work for formal pedestrian crossings at the St Anne's roundabout junction in 2009/10.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The petitioners believe that the St Anne's roundabout junction is unsafe for all pedestrians due to the large amount of traffic using the four roads leading on to the roundabout and the lack of proper crossings. They state that many pedestrians need to cross this dangerous junction every day to go to and from Banstead village, the schools, use local amenities and access the bus routes. It is felt by the petitioners that the junction is particularly hazardous for children attending St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Banstead Infant School, Banstead Junior School, The Priory School and The Beacon School as they cross during the busy rush hours. The petitioners also consider the junction unsafe for vulnerable adults from the three residential care homes situated on Garratts Lane and Holly Lane.
- 1.2 The petitioners state that car drivers ignore the 20mph zone, regularly speed and rarely stop to allow pedestrians to cross during busy times. There are no dropped kerbs or safe crossing zones for those with pushchairs, in wheelchairs or on mobility scooters. They are also concerned that the north side of Garratts Lane has a very narrow footpath and due to the curve in the road, there is very poor visibility to cross to the only traffic island at the junction.
- 1.3 The petitioners ask that pedestrian safety be prioritised at this time to prevent any serious incidents occurring and would like the following options to be considered: dropped kerbs, pedestrian tables, traffic islands, zebra crossings, pelican/puffin crossings, rumble strips to slow traffic and enforcement of the 20mph zone.
- 1.4 A School Keep Clear marking has recently been installed outside the entrance to St Anne's School in Holly Lane. This will enable a School Crossing Patrol to be able to operate safely at this location and a patrol person has been recently recruited to this position.
- 1.5 There have been no recorded personal injury accidents involving pedestrians at the junction of Holly Lane/Garratts Lane/Bolters Lane or on the approaches to the junction. Personal injury accidents are concentrated at the roundabout. These are vehicle only accidents, not

involving pedestrians and are predominantly the result of drivers failing to give way.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Pedestrian Safer Routes to School improvements are included on Reigate & Banstead five year scheme programme, as agreed by Local Committee on 20 July 2009, to investigate, design and implement the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Holly Lane/Garratts Lane/Bolters Lane and improvements on the surrounding footways. Members approved expenditure of £10,000 from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) budget for 2009/10 to commence land survey and feasibility work and agreed in principle to allocate £45,000 in 2010/11 and £105,000 in 2011/12 for detailed design and implementation.
- 2.2 Following a report to Local Committee on 21 September 2009 which clarified what areas of work on a scheme can be charged to capital and what has to be funded from the Local Revenue budget, £40,000 was allocated to allow parking reviews and Integrated Transport Schemes for 2009/10 to continue. Both land surveys and scheme feasibility have to be funded from the Local Revenue budget. It is therefore proposed to use the £10,000 LTP allocation for this year to fund footway works on the east side of Bolters Lane between High Street and Court Road where the crossfall has previously been identified as requiring attention, to allow safer access along this footway for vulnerable pedestrians.
- 2.3 It is proposed to commence feasibility work, up to a value of £3,000, funded from the Local Revenue budget, to identify the most suitable option to take forward to detailed design. This work is likely to comprise traffic, pedestrian and topographical surveys and option identification. Any possible scheme identified as a result of this work will be subject to Local Committee approval and confirmation of future funding.
- 2.4 The existing 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of St Anne's School was introduced as part of a pilot scheme in 2005, a review of which is covered in a separate report on this agenda. The enforcement of speed limits is a matter for Surrey Police.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 No consultation has been carried out at this stage, as full consultation will be undertaken during scheme identification and feasibility design.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Pedestrian Safer Routes to School improvements that include the investigation, design and implementation of pedestrian crossing facilities at the Holly Lane/Garratts Lane/Bolters Lane junction are included on Reigate & Banstead 5 year scheme programme, as agreed by Local Committee on 20 July 2009. £10,000 has been allocated from the Local

Transport Plan budget in 2009/10. Revenue funding has been identified to commence feasibility work.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Improving the footway crossfall will provide better facilities for pedestrians using the eastern side of Bolters Lane, particularly those with mobility impairments and wheelchair users, as well as improving the walking route to school.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The need for formal pedestrian crossings to be provided at the St Anne's roundabout junction, as requested by the petitioners, has already been recognised. There is funding allocated in the Reigate & Banstead five year forward programme for pedestrian Safer Routes to School improvements.
- 7.2 It is proposed to carry out footway improvements in Bolters Lane in 2009/10. Local Revenue funding will be used to carry out option identification and feasibility work in 2009/10. Subject to Local Committee approval and confirmation of future funding, detailed design and implementation will be carried out in 2010/11 and, depending on the complexity and cost of the option selected, 2011/12.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The proposed footway improvements in Bolters Lane would reduce the crossfall along the eastern footway, making it more comfortable for pedestrians to use, particularly those with mobility impairments, and improve the walking route to school.
- 8.2 The provision of formal pedestrian crossing facilities at the St Anne's roundabout junction of Garratts Lane/Holly Lane and Bolters Lane will help pedestrians to safely cross the road, particularly children and their carers walking to school, and will encourage more people to walk.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 If Local Committee approves the recommendations, work will commence on the footway improvement scheme for Bolters Lane, with implementation being carried out before the end of this financial year. Surveys and option development for pedestrian crossing facilities at the St Anne's roundabout junction will be carried out and a further report submitted to the June 2010 meeting of the Local Committee.

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**BACKGROUND
PAPERS:** Petition dated 3 November 2009

ANNEX A – LOCATION PLAN

