



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL  
COMMITTEE**

**PETITION – ROAD SAFETY ST ANNE'S  
SCHOOL  
22 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**KEY ISSUE**

To advise the Committee that a petition has been received from the parents of children at St Anne's Catholic Primary School. They are concerned about pedestrian crossing facilities on Guildford Street between the library exit and Gogmore Park.

**SUMMARY**

The petition has 165 signatories and has been organised by parents of pupils who attend St Anne's School. The petition argues for a "children crossing" sign and a pelican crossing.

**ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER**

Chertsey – Mr Ray Lowther

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) That the Committee notes the concerns of the petitioners,
- b) that appropriate warning signs are erected to advise motorists that there may be people crossing,
- c) that the site is considered at the next Members' tour for a feasibility study into a controlled pedestrian crossing and inclusion in the forward programme,
- d) that the petitioners, through the Head Teacher, are advised of the outcome from the Members' Tour.

**1. Background**

- 1.1 This section of Guildford Street (Stevens Bridge) links Heriot Road with A317 Eastworth Road. It forms one of the main routes north to south through the centre of Chertsey.
- 1.2 The petitioners have highlighted that a number of pedestrians (including children) cross the road between the entrance to the library and Gogmore Park. This section falls just within the Chertsey 20mph zone.
- 1.3 There is an existing full carriageway width speed table at this location, which helps to control vehicle speeds.
- 1.4 Immediately north of this desire line (approximately 15 metres) there is a full size pedestrian refuge island. If pedestrians so choose, they can use this facility and cross the road in two separate stages.

**2. Petition detail**

- 2.1 The petition has 165 signatories and is supported by the Head Teacher of St Anne's Catholic School. A copy of the petition is available upon request.
- 2.2 The petition states:  
*"An Accident waiting to happen...? It is becoming increasingly dangerous to cross Guildford Street from the library exit into Gogmore Park. Our children are at risk! Current provisions are inadequate. We urge the Council to put in place safety measures which must include "Children Crossing" sign and a Pelican crossing."*

**3. Accident history**

- 3.1 Any accident, which is reported to the Police, is stored on a database. There have not been any pedestrian injury accidents at this location within the last fifteen years. This is a very good record.

**4. Proposed action**

- 4.1 Officers have inspected the site and whilst it does have an excellent safety record, and there is a nearby pedestrian refugee island, appreciate that on occasions crossing the road may prove difficult. It is therefore recommended that warning signs are installed on both approaches to the informal crossing point. These would be attached to existing street furniture and can be funded from existing approved budgetary provision. This could be completed within the next few weeks.
- 4.2 Each year we receive a number of requests for highway improvement safety schemes. Officers consider these and those, which are deemed to be technically feasible, are included in the annual Members' Tour. It is through this process that the forward programme is formulated.
- 4.3 It is recommended that this site is included in the next Members' Tour for consideration of a controlled pedestrian crossing.

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Background Papers: None

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