



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Spelthorne)**

**PETITION RESPONSE
WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FELTHAM ROAD**

9th July 2012

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE – 19th March 2012

Agenda Item 5

PETITIONS

To receive any petitions in accordance with Standing Order 64

- (i) **Councillor Frazer will present a petition (228 signatures) which reads:**

"We PETITION Surrey County Council and all appropriate agencies to enforce forthwith the weight restrictions on lorries agreed by the Local Committee on the 30th June 2008, as an urgent first step to curbing the noise, danger, damage and disruption caused by HGV traffic in Feltham Road."

RESPONSE

As outlined at the Committee Meeting on the 19th March 2012 a Boroughwide freight study is being undertaken in order to:

- a) Review existing restrictions across the Borough
- b) Consider the implications of requested HGV restrictions in a number of locations, including Feltham Rd.
- c) Recommend any amendments to the current situation.

The study is needed because historically it would appear decisions have been made on individual routes/locations rather than holistically considering the impact of HGV routes across the Borough (and therefore not fully considering knock on impacts). It had been hoped that this study would have been completed by the time of the Committee meeting, however given the detail of information required e.g. surveys and site audits of each restriction this has been delayed and it is now envisaged that draft proposals will be shared with Members in August/September.

Given the concerns of associated impacts following ad-hoc implementation of HGV restrictions only one HGV restriction is currently being progressed outside of the study, specifically matching the Northbound restriction on Clockhouse Lane with a Southbound restriction. This is being pursued with support coming from the local MP and Local Members and other stakeholders such as Surrey Police. Ultimately it would require the approval of Hounslow Borough Council to place necessary signage on their highway and therefore Officers are completing signing schedules and traffic counts requested by Hounslow Borough Council to inform their decision making. To date it would appear they support a night time and weekend restriction but this would still not match the Northbound restriction, continuing to make enforcement difficult. Officers at both Surrey County Council and Surrey Police are therefore pushing for a restriction which matches the existing Northbound restriction rather than changing the Northbound one to night times and weekends.

In summary, a fuller response on the request for a HGV restriction on Feltham Road will be provided once it has been fully considered as part of the Boroughwide study. It is though hoped that residents would receive some benefit from the introduction of a HGV restriction Southbound on Clockhouse Lane.

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