

Item 21

PETITION RESPONSE – REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON D3448 COLEFORD BRIDGE ROAD, MYTCHETT

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SURREY HEATH

22nd September 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To advise members of the receipt of a petition and to receive the officers response.

SUMMARY:

A petition was received at the Local Transportation Office on 21 June 2005, and presented at the meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath on 21 July 2005, containing approximately 128 signatures from residents from Coleford Bridge Road. The petition requested traffic management similar to those approved for Mytchett Road at the 21 July 2005 meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath.

The petition cited speeding traffic, road safety and traffic noise as a concern to residents. Although Coleford Bridge Road is subject to vehicles exceeding the speed limit, the level of accidents does not currently warrant special treatment and therefore should be considered and prioritised together with other roads in the district within future funding restraints.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee in Surrey Heath

- i) note receipt of the petition.
- ii) recommend Coleford Bridge Road be considered together with other roads in the district, and prioritised as and when suitable funding becomes available.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Local Transportation Office has received a petition from residents of Coleford Bridge Road. The petition contains approximately 128 signatures and petitioners are seeking traffic management measures along Coleford Bridge Road.

2. The petition raises concerns over speeding traffic, safety and noise. They are concerned that traffic that has left the A331 fails to reduce its speed accordingly and far exceeds an acceptable speed. Exiting drives and crossing the road is becoming increasingly difficult and the junction with Hamesmoor Road is particularly bad with its blind corner.
3. Residents consider that traditional road humps would not be appropriate and favour other measures such as those recently approved for Mytchett Road, Mytchett at the 21 July 2005 Local Committee. These consisted of carriageway surface treatments, white lining changes and interactive signs.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

4. Analysis of accidents over the last 3 complete years, 2002-4 and part 2005 incl, show 4 personal injury accidents over this period.
5. Three accidents occurred at the junction with Hamesmoor Road, one in 2003, 2004 and 2005 respectively each involving 2 vehicles. One accident in 2005 involved a motorcycle between Hamesmoor Road and Mytchett Road but no other vehicle was involved.
6. Further accidents may have occurred in addition to those listed and some are listed on the back of the petition. However, only those incidents reported to the police from which detailed information is available, can the circumstances of each incident be analysed.
7. The current accident record does not at this stage justify the installation of a traffic management or traffic calming scheme over and above other roads in the district.
8. The Local Transportation Service (LTS) already work with the Police and it is recognised that Coleford Bridge Road is subject to some traffic exceeding the speed limit. It is therefore already included in the District's Speed Poster Campaign and the Speed Identification Device (SID) is also periodically positioned along the road and helps alert drivers of their speed.
9. The LTS frequently receive requests for measures to reduce speeds throughout the Surrey Heath district, all of which are considered a priority by those contacting the LTS. The consideration of Coleford Bridge Road must therefore be appraised against the other roads that would equally benefit from treatment and be prioritised accordingly within future funding.
10. The LTS will nevertheless look further at the Hamesmoor Road junction to see whether any enhancement to signing or lining would help to highlight the junction to motorists and improve safety.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no Financial Implications. Any further appraisal in relation to prioritising this scheme in the future will be included within existing work programmes.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

12. Surrey CC has embraced the concept of sustainable development, which is the foundation of Surrey's Local Transport Plan and is committed to the vision of making Surrey a better place. Funding from the integrated transport budget will be expended on projects and schemes in line with this vision whilst fulfilling its key commitment

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

13. Heath Crime and Disorder strategy seeks to continually improve the safety of the community. Measures to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian facilities will assist this strategy.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

14. Throughout the scheme development process the Local Transportation Service will assess the opportunities and constraints of pedestrian mobility impairment with the aim of achieving the best possible outcomes whilst having regard for budget and practicality.

CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

15. It is recognised that Coleford Bridge Road is subjected to vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit and that some accidents have occurred. However the rate of the incidents over the whole length does not justify treatment over and above other similar roads in the district.
16. It would however be appropriate to ensure the road remains on the Speed Poster Campaign and the SID campaign. In addition Coleford Bridge Road can be considered for funding for the introduction of Traffic Management in the future, to be prioritised together with other schemes for the area and as funding allows.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Surrey Heath Local Committee note the above petition and include Coleford Bridge Road for future consideration for traffic management measures.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

Number of Annexes: None