



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Response to a Petition The Maultway, Camberley

9 July 2009

KEY ISSUE

To receive the officer response to a petition for a reduced speed limit, noise reducing tarmac, the provision of street lighting, the provision of roundabouts and yellow hatching at junctions along The Maultway, Camberley.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee at its meeting on the 26th February 2009 received a petition from residents of Surrey Heath, containing 106 names. The petitioners have requested in relation to The Maultway, **'to lower the speed limit to 30/40mph, to lay noise reducing tarmac, to erect street lighting at the Redwood Drive and Yockley Close junctions, the placing of small roundabouts at the junctions of Redwood Drive, Yockley Close, Cumberland Road and Inglewood Avenue and yellow hatching at these junctions so that vehicles can enter and leave without risking life and limb especially during peak times'**

The analysis and commentary to the report details the current advise or position in relation to each of the issues raised by petition.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to note this report.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

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ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

1. **Reduced Speed Limit** – The Local Committee at its meeting on 26th February approved the advertisement of a new speed limit of 40mph along The Maultway. Following preparation of the proposal the statutory procedures are due to commence very shortly with an advertisement in the local newspaper. If this has not commenced before the Committee meeting on the 9th July a verbal update will be given at the meeting. Any objections or representation made during the statutory advertising period will need to be determined prior to the proposals being implemented.
2. **Noise reducing tarmac** – Surrey’s highway maintenance programmes seek to manage and maintain its network as cost-effectively as possible. With limited funding available a variety of treatments are used. The rolling maintenance programmes are reviewed annually and maintenance works are allocated funding on a condition needs basis. There is currently no precedent for allocating funding simply to reduce tyre noise and because Surrey needs to employ the full range of treatments to maintain our highways these do not always permit the use of quieter surfaces.

The Maultway is currently surfaced dressed, this treatment having been done to prolong the life of the road structure. This is an early or preventative treatment to increase the lifespan of the road in much the same way as paint or preservatives do for woodwork on a house or building. Compared to resurfacing, surface dressing is a relatively cheap (approx. 4 times cheaper than alternative methods), quick and efficient option for helping to provide a safe network. Without it, roads would deteriorate at much faster levels than funding could keep pace with resulting in an increase in potholes and the need for more expensive reactive patching type works.

The Maultway is not currently on the rolling maintenance programme and is only likely to be added when further structural treatment is required.

Vehicle speed does contribute greatly to the road noise generated by a vehicle tyre. The proposed reduction in the speed limit of The Maultway may help improve conditions although this will largely depend on driver compliance to the new limit.

3. **Street Lighting at Redwood Drive & Yockley Close** – The County Council is about to enter into a private finance initiative for the renewal and maintenance of its street lighting stock. However, this does not include for the provision of new or improvement schemes, where no current lighting exists. Such schemes would need to attract transportation plan funding, locally, to enable them to be undertaken, therefore, competing for funding with all other highway related schemes. The Committee has previously funded lighting improvements, The Hatches most recently for example. A scheme proposal for The Maultway does exist and the cost of this is likely to be in excess of £100,000 although no detailed design has been undertaken. A review of all schemes by members is next due in mid-September where future priorities can be determined.
4. **Placing of small roundabouts at junctions/ placing of yellow hatching at junctions** – There are currently no approved improvements for any of the junctions along the southern section of The Maultway. Whilst this could be looked at in greater detail as part of feasibility study this would be difficult to justify based on the current casualty data. This indicates that at each junction, except Yockley Close where there have been none, there has been one injury

collision in the past 40 months (last 3 years + year to date). Whilst these collisions are at separate locations they do all involve right turn movements into the side roads but observations do not show any immediate areas that could mislead or confuse drivers. It is not apparent, within the collision data, if there was stationary traffic at the time of these collisions but the provision of additional 'Keep Clear' markings at Inglewood Avenue and Redwood Drive may assist drivers by limiting the time in which they sit & wait to turn right.

A proposal still remains for the improvement of the roundabout junction of Red Road and The Maultway. This is required as a result of the development at the Alma Dettigen Barracks in Deepcut and Surrey is in discussion with Barratts, the developers, about the commencement of these outstanding works. Improvement to the roundabout would assist to reduce queuing along The Maultway, which in turn should assist movement in and out of side road junctions.

It is not currently recommended to investigate any junction improvements but the provision of 'Keep Clear' markings at the junctions of Inglewood Avenue and Redwood Drive should be undertaken.

CONSULTATION

5. The changes to the speed limits will be advertised shortly in accordance with statutory procedures. Scheme proposals identified for future funding, such as new lighting schemes, would require consultation at the appropriate time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no direct cost implications to this report. If any measures were required in the future then funding would have to be considered along with other schemes and projects in the District when priorities are reviewed. The team will also seek to take advantage of any other funding streams or opportunities that may become available and make suitable bids to attract additional funding.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

7. Surrey has embraced the concept of sustainable development, which is the foundation of the County Council's Local Transport Plan, and it is committed to the vision of making Surrey a better place. The proposed Speed Management Programme will contribute towards making Surrey's roads safer for all users.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no direct crime and disorder implications in relation to this report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. Across the range of transportation issues and problems to be addressed the needs of all highway users require equal consideration. Proposals may benefit a particular group or individuals but it is important to consider and address how one impact may worsen others.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

10. Proposals to mark 'Keep Clear' at the two junctions of The Maultway referred to above have been added to the road-marking list for implementation. Scheme priorities will be reviewed this September, for future funding, including the scheme for new lighting at the junctions of The Maultway with Redwood Drive and Yockley Close.

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