



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Surrey Heath)**

**INTERIM RESPONSE TO PETITION -
CREATING A SAFE CROSSING POINT ON RED ROAD, LIGHTWATER
30 JUNE 2011**

KEY ISSUE

Responding to the petition received by Surrey Heath Local Committee on 17th February 2011.

SUMMARY

The wording of the petition is as follows:

"We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to create a safe crossing point on Red Road in Lightwater. Red Road (B311) in Lightwater divides residential housing from the recreational heathland of Brentmoor Heath, and Hangmoor. A pedestrian footpath is completely absent from one side of the road for its whole length, and on the other side exists only in a small part. It is a hazardous experience for pedestrians and cyclists to cross this busy feeder road to J3 of the M3, to which a recent tragic death of a jogger testifies. This petition asks for the provision of a safe crossing of Red Road, either through traffic lights, traffic island, or pedestrian crossing. Your support will save lives."

The e-petition has been signed by over 600 Surrey residents.

Officer response

Investigation of the feasibility of this request has been commenced, and a full response will be provided to the next Local Committee meeting on 13th October 2011.

The Local Committee is asked to note that there are several issues that have been identified for consideration within this investigation:

- A) Location of requested crossing point. Whilst the petition requests 'a crossing point', it is recognised that there are at least four separate

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locations where the Ministry of Defence land to the South of Red Road is accessed by pedestrians, notably access to the bridleway at the junction with Lightwater Road, and the pedestrian access points in the vicinity of Macdonald Road and Briar Avenue.

Due to the distance between these locations, a single crossing point would not be adequate, and it is likely that residents who are not close to a crossing facility would continue to cross Red Road wherever it is most convenient for them. It would therefore be necessary to verify usage of each crossing point.

- B) Physical constraints. It is noted that Red Road is of insufficient width to accommodate pedestrian refuges in the vicinity of most of the existing access points to the Ministry of Defence land. It is also noted that additional lengths of footway may be required to service any new crossing point.
- C) The potential impact of a speed limit revision. Surrey Heath Local Committee has received a petition calling for a reduction in the existing speed limit to 40mph along the entire length of Red Road. Any reduction in speed limit will have influence over the final response to the demand for a crossing facility.

Officer recommendations

The Local Committee are asked to note that a final response will be provided at the next Local Committee meeting on 13th October 2011.

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