



**Item 5 – Written Public Question**

**Q. Written Question from Mr. David Chesneau, Chair of The Camberley Society, in connection with the junction of the High Street and Portesbery Road/Pembroke Broadway, Camberley town centre.**

Would the county council consider either of the following two options in order to improve the safety of pedestrians crossing Portesbery Road near the junction of the High Street and Portesbery Road/Pembroke Broadway, Camberley town centre?

1. Move the tactile studs and central traffic island eastwards a relatively short distance, where the road seems wide enough to accommodate a crossing point, and visibility for pedestrians would be significantly improved.
2. Extend the pavement into what at the moment is the nearside lane, substantially extending the line of sight for pedestrians and shortening the distance that they have to travel to reach the central traffic island.

If neither of these options is deemed to be effective and feasible, what alternative solutions can be implemented?

*NB This constitutes a summary of Mr Chesneau's original submission (attached).*

**Response from Chairman on behalf of the Committee:**

The issue has been investigated by officers in the North West Area Highways team, who have provided the following comments:

- The site has been inspected and whilst the hoarding partially restricts the sight line, pedestrians on the southern side of Portesbery Road have a reasonable level of visibility towards Knoll Road when standing immediately behind the kerb. However, visibility is reduced if you are

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unable to step right up to the edge of the carriageway (for example, when pushing either a wheelchair or pushchair).

- The situation could be improved by moving the existing crossing point in an easterly direction or building out the kerb line (on the southern side of Portesbery Road) as suggested. However, these options would involve significant cost and could result in additional congestion. Surrey County Council (SCC) has therefore initially written to the owners of the site requesting that the hoarding is moved back to improve visibility for pedestrians. If they do not agree to do this, then the alternative options for improving the situation will be considered in more detail.
- The hoarding is only temporary and will be removed once the site is developed. Whilst planning applications have previously been made on the site these have been refused. SCC (as the local Highway Authority) will be consulted about any further applications submitted and will look to ensure that visibility for pedestrians is protected.

It is hoped that the above comments are of assistance and help to reassure the Camberley Society that the County Council is seeking to address their concerns about pedestrian safety.