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19 August 2010

Dear Mr Sadler

**Traffic Calming Critchmere Lane, Haslemere**

Thank you for your letter dated 10 August 2010 addressed to Jason Russell. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

I see from other correspondence that Blair Conacher replied to your previous letter of 5 July on 10 August, the same date as your latest letter; they obviously crossed in the post. In your latest letter you do not raise any new engineering issues so no further response is required regarding the detail.

However, I note that you have now formally objected to the proposals, albeit after the closing date of 23 July for objections as laid out in the published Notice. As we have already received another objection to the proposals, a report detailing that objection will be presented to the Waverley Local Committee which consists of elected members of both the County Council and Waverley Borough Council. Should the Committee decide to uphold this objection the traffic calming would not be introduced. Out of fairness to you, I will make sure that your late objection is included in the report presented at the next committee meeting on 17 September. You may attend this meeting if you wish to do so  
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Yours sincerely

Jenny Isaac  
 Head of Surrey Highways



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Ref: Traffic Calming Critchmere Lane Haslemere

Mr. J Russell

I want to register my objection to your proposed method of Traffic Calming in Critchmere Lane. We have a definite need for a Calming system, but not this method.

Surrey Highways have used several Unsuccessful Methods of Traffic Calming i.e. Tilford Road and Brook.

The only Method that works is Pinch Points that reduce the road to a vehicle and half width. Some motorist will only obey controls that if not obey could cause damage to there vehicles.

Why do's it take laypersons to point out the obvious to Highways. We have waited many years for the tunnel but you do not appear to have given much thought and consideration to the people who live here only the method of getting vehicles past Hindhead. Surrey Highways seem to be prepared to spend money but not wisely are you waiting until we have fatality before you see the obvious.

Today we had car mount the pavement luckily the school kids who walk to school are on holiday.

I have written to John Hilder and Blair Conacher before you tied your notice of intent to the lampposts. No response what a way to run an organization

I have enclosed copies of my last communications to the above

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Sadler", is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

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10 August 2010

Dear Mr Sadler,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 July regarding the proposed traffic calming in Critchmere Lane. Please accept my apologies for not replying sooner but I have been on annual leave.

As I wrote in my letter dated 11 June the purpose of the traffic calming is to encourage forecast additional traffic on Critchmere Lane that may result from the construction of the Hindhead Tunnel to use more appropriate routes such as the A287 as agreed at the Hindhead Improvement Public Inquiry. This work is being funded by the Highways Agency who will only fund work directly related to the tunnel and its effect upon the surrounding highway network. We consider that the road tables constructed on the southern section of Critchmere Lane will be sufficient to achieve the stated objective of deterring additional traffic.

Any further traffic calming on the remainder of Critchmere Lane would need to be funded by the County Council but as you are no doubt aware funding for this type of work is very limited because of the current financial climate. There is already a list of schemes in Waverley that have had to be postponed so I would anticipate that the Waverley Local Committee would not be in a position to approve additional work in Critchmere Lane.

I believe the temporary vehicle actuated sign in Critchmere Lane was installed by the police rather than Surrey County Council.

Yours sincerely,

Blair Conacher  
Principal Engineer West

cc Steve Renshaw County Councillor for Haslemere  
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Ref: your letter dated 23rdjune2010  
Traffic Calming, Critchmere Lane

Dear Sir,

I find it very difficult to except your findings.

Over this last 2weeks I have stopped and ask passers bye there opinions and views on your proposed traffic calming for Critchmere Lane all have the view you are not doing enough and what you are proposing is not what is needed.

One view in your letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010 was a contradiction of a view that you have expressed to me that pinch points may cause weaving in and out but you seem to indicate that parked cars will reduce traffic flow/speed at the upper end of Critchmere Lane which already causes traffic to weaving in and out.

School children going to and from Woolmer Hill School and Shottermill Infants and juniors cross the lane from Mallard Close

**This is the walk through connection from and to the Hind head Road for both schools**

**What ever form of traffic calming we end up with we need it to be the full length of Critchmere Lane .**

**Hi Ways / Surrey CC are not getting the full picture I do hope I can rouse some support from the people I cc.**

**What happened to the speed indicator that was very briefly installed in Critchmere Lane ?**

**Mine was only a very small sample of people, is it in the public domain how large your survey of opinions was and the resultant views of these residents of Critchmere Lane ?**

**Can you give me /us any reassurance that what ever is installed as calming in Critchmere Lane if proven it is not controlling the traffic in a safe way it will be looked at again and revised**

**Critchmere Lane has waited long enough for this. But I expect we have one chance and one chance only let's get it right.**

**Yours sincerely**

**John Sadler**

**cc Steve Renshaw County Councillor Haslemere,**

**Carole King Borough Councillor Haslemere, Critchmere & Shottermill**

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23 June 2010

Dear Mr Sadler,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 June regarding the proposed traffic calming in Critchmere Lane.

As I wrote in my letter, two public exhibitions have been held when the views of residents were sought. Although John Hilder did not meet you, the views of the majority of residents who attended the exhibitions have been taken into account where this has been possible. The letter and plans recently hand-delivered to several hundred residents in the area represents the promised leaflet and to date we have had very few responses, indicating that the vast majority support the proposals.

As far as the effectiveness of the proposed traffic calming is concerned, extensive research by the Department of Transport has been carried out over many years which has established that vertical deflection in the form of speed cushions and road tables do indeed reduce vehicle speeds. On the basis of this research the Department of Transport approved this type of traffic calming and it has been used successfully throughout the country. Therefore we are confident that the tables and speed cushions proposed for Critchmere Lane and Woolmer Hill Road respectively will have the desired effect of reducing vehicle speeds and encouraging traffic to use more suitable roads such as the A287.

As part of our consultation procedures for vertical traffic calming we always consult with the emergency services. Should they have any comments we expect to hear from them in the next few weeks.

The use of priority buildouts on the lower section of Critchmere Lane where the road tables are proposed would not have any impact upon vehicle speeds because the volume of traffic is low. As the likelihood of two vehicles travelling in opposite directions arriving at a pinchpoint together is slim there would be a very limited impact upon vehicle speeds, indeed the weaving in and out may actually cause a bigger problem than the one it is trying to solve.

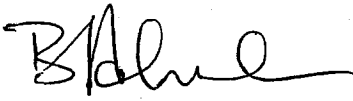


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I would also point out the Surrey Police Traffic Officer for the area has visited the site to assess the proposals as described in the letter and fully supports their introduction.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal Engineer West

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Ref: your letter dated 11thjune2010  
Traffic Calming, Critchmere Lane

Dear Sir,

When did you collect the opinions of Critchmere Lane residents on traffic calming methods? The only time I am aware of this was done was several years ago and the meeting was not post out to residents and the meeting was very sparsely attended and the last time I am aware of was a public exhibition at Greyswood (25<sup>th</sup> October2008) where John Hilder was going to attend to explain /advise on methods and the Hiways approach to Traffic Calming but he arrived many hours after the opening by then people had started to go home.

He eventually contacted me mid day on the 24th December 2008

I was told in this conversation that he may put something in writing he did over 4months later. He indicated that we would get information leaflets in the summer 2009 and that you would be contacting me to discuss my concerns, you didn't and nor did anybody else, the information leaflets where never produced.

I have notes and letters to back up what I am saying.

### Traffic Calming, Critchmere Lane

Over the last year or so I have been viewing and monitoring methods of road calming.

Most methods that HiWays have used do not appear to have any effect on calming traffic may be you think that they plicate the residents and that is a step forward!

A few examples

Narrow the road width with paint areas

Narrow the road width brick/concrete islands, but leaving enough place for 2 cars to pass through at the same time.

Red paint which make tires rumble

Painted text: Slow

None of the above make any long term or in most case, any effect at all on the Traffic flow / calming

Just an ill judged expenditure

Other methods do appear to have some effect on traffic

Sleeping policemen

Road tables

Most people and the emergency services do not like these methods and they also attract cars to bridge the obstacles in the most beneficial way for there vehicles suspension

So I do not understand if a layman can observe the above and can also conclude that the only methods of calming that appear to work are.

Methods where the road is restricted in width at solid built pinch points to a car and half's width which allows buses, Lorries

and Emergency Services to pass safely, these would normal have a priority sighs.

Or the more dramatic method of road narrow using chicanes.

Chicanes would be over kill for Critchmere Lane but I would recommend that you look at one and a half width solid pinch points in at least 4 places in Critchmere Lane.

It works and there is only one Capital expenditure.

Critchmere Lane has waited long enough for this. I expect we have one chance and one chance only let's get it right.

Yours sincerely

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