



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(WAVERLEY)**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION: ROAD SAFETY IN PARK VIEW,  
FARNHAM**

**22 JUNE 2012**

**KEY ISSUE**

To respond to a petition presented by Mr John Hurst on behalf of the Park View Residents' Association, Farnham at the meeting of the Committee held on 16 March 2012.

**PETITION**

The petition was presented as follows:

We consider Drovers Way and Trinity Hill unsafe for all road users due to speed and increased traffic flows and as such we aim to create positive actions to implement regulations and/or processes which can be applied to our estate roads, thereby restricting the speed and type of traffic access to ensure a safer environment.

Park View Residents' Association (PVRA) has been active over several years with regards to the ever increasing traffic flows through the estate following the concerns of the residents. Drovers Way/Trinity Hill has now become a 'rat-run' following the arrival of buses currently routed through the estate. There are 80 bus transits a day on this road and it has encouraged other traffic to use the road, including HGV's and lorries for driver training. It has become a route for vehicles from Upper Hale, Sandy Hill and Heath End seeking an easy route to Farnham Town, combined with the use of satnav equipment for strangers. The Farnham East Street development is also likely to increase the number of vehicles through the route. There is also serious concern for the safety of parents and children attending the local schools, particularly the Folly Hill Infants School.

Because of the concerns of the Association, a professional company was engaged in 2010 and 2011 to collect data on traffic flows and the

speed of vehicles and these results show there is an important need to be concerned for safety on the estate, particularly on the access road – Drovers Way/Trinity Hill. A comprehensive dossier has been produced which covers all aspects of the issues around the Drovers Way and Trinity Hill, Farnham. The document contains the detailed traffic data, flows, speed, type of vehicle, and was commissioned by PVRA.

The Residents' Association strongly recommends that the County Council work with them to generate an affordable plan to increase the safety on the currently dangerous access road through the Park View Estate in Farnham.

### RESPONSE

The Committee would like to thank Park View Residents' Association (PVRA) for providing the comprehensive dossier covering traffic issues in the vicinity of Drovers Way and Trinity Hill in Farnham. County Council officers and the Police studied the dossier.

In the last five years there were no recorded personal injury collisions (PICs) in Drovers Way/Trinity Hill in the County Council Highways database. Surrey Police report these PICs to SCC where they have attended the collisions sites. The incidents that were logged by the Casualty Reduction Officer and PVRA were not collisions and therefore not on the Highways database.

There are several roads in the Waverley area that are on the Speed Management Plan (SMP) list (see **Item 10** on this agenda). One of these roads is a section of Upper Hale Road from its junction with Folly Hill to Farnborough Road. Highways officers have requested the Road Safety Team add Drovers Way/Trinity Hill to the list. County Council Highways develop the SMP list in partnership with the Surrey Police.

County Council officers discussed the speeding issue in Drovers Way/Trinity Hill with the Police and requested that enforcement be carried out.

The County Council's Transport Strategy Team is identifying roads in Surrey which are unsuitable for large lorries. The roads will be assessed by the Team for appropriate action such as notifying Ordnance Survey of unsuitable roads to pass onto Satnav companies and contacting the freight companies to encourage their drivers to use preferred lorry routes. The Transport Strategy Team has been asked to include Drovers Way/Trinity Hill to their list for assessment.

Highways officers will once again review all the existing road signs and road markings in the road with a view to any possible improvements.

County Council officers will work with the Residents' Association and the Police to review the present situation in Drovers Way and Trinity Hill.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to** agree the response set out above.

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