



BOUNDARY ROAD PETITION UPDATE

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING 6 APRIL 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To inform the Committee of progress with an investigation of traffic conditions in Boundary Road, following receipt of a petition from residents.

SUMMARY:

The Committee received a petition from residents of Boundary Road requesting that action be taken to curb the number of vehicles and their speed in that road.

Programmed survey work was not possible due to prolonged utility work involving the use of temporary traffic signals, which disrupted normal traffic patterns.

In consultation with the petitioner, survey work has been re-programmed for April 2005 with an intended report to Committee at its meeting in July 2005.

CONSULTATIONS:

The organiser of the petition.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to note this report.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. The Local Committee received a petition from the residents of Boundary Road, at its meeting of 14 July 2004, requesting that Surrey County Council:
 - a. Put measures in place to reduce the speed of vehicles using Boundary Road
 - b. Divert lorries away from Boundary Road
 - c. Reduce the number of commuters using Boundary Road as a rat run.”
2. The petition is attached at Annex 1 with the Local Transportation Director's response that subject to the work programme a further report would be brought to this Committee at its meeting in April.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. Survey work was programmed for December and January (avoiding the Christmas period) with the intention that consultations could take place through February and any proposals agreed prior to the April meeting. Clearly the traffic surveys would have informed the consultation and had to be completed first. However it was not possible to complete the surveys because of roadworks by Statutory Undertakers, who have a right to work in the highway.
4. Following the closure of their depot in Boundary Road Transco undertook major works fitting valve boxes throughout December and replacing mains piping during January and February. The works extended over the period initially envisaged by Transco and were completed on 25 February 2005. The extent of the works required traffic lights to be operated throughout the period.
5. Three Valleys Water also carried out minor works in Boundary Road throughout the period.
6. Amanda Beedham, a resident of Boundary Road, presented the original petition to the Committee. She has been consulted about the difficulties in obtaining meaningful surveys. Woking Local Transportation Service and the petitioner have agreed that the surveys should be delayed until mid April. Driver behaviour has been affected by the road works and the new start date will allow a resumption of usual travel routes once there is an awareness the works have finished.
7. Surveys are re-programmed for the week commencing 18.04.2005. They include traffic volume counts, speed checks and analysis of through traffic in Boundary Road and Walton Road. A pedestrian survey will also be conducted in Boundary Road. The businesses in Monument Way East will be surveyed as to the number and type of vehicles visiting the premises and

routes taken by those vehicles.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The surveys will be financed from an existing Data Collection budget.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

9. There are currently no Sustainable Development Implications

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

10. There are currently no Crime and Disorder Implications

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11. There are currently no Equalities Implications.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12. Postponement of the surveys will ensure the results are a true reflection of driver and pedestrian behaviour. The road works caused a change in driver activity to avoid temporary traffic lights. The petitioner agrees that the delay is worthwhile to obtain an accurate picture of the current situation and inform the debate on any necessary remedial measures.

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