



RESPONSE TO PETITION

**To Stop Vehicles Speeding Along
Boundary Road, Woking
To Stop Lorries Using Boundary Road
To Reduce the Number of Commuters
Using Boundary Road as a Rat Run**

**Local Committee for Woking
14 July 2004**

SUMMARY:

Wording of the petition:

At present large numbers of vehicles are speeding along Boundary Road, Woking. These drivers do not slow down by the recreation area on this road and as a consequence, the lives of local residents, in particular children, are being put in danger. Speeding vehicles have also caused considerable damage to cars parked along Boundary road.

Boundary Road is a residential street that is not designed to cope with high volumes of traffic. Lorries and commuters use this route to access various industrial estates or as a cut-through to avoid the Six Crossroads roundabout. Houses shake as lorries and cement mixers pass by and the road is slowly being destroyed.

We the undersigned request that Surrey County Council put appropriate traffic calming measures in place to slow vehicles down, impose a lorry ban by re-routing lorries via the Six Crossroads roundabout and cut down commuter traffic by making Boundary Road an 'Access Only' road.

Stephen Child, Local Transportation Director, responded:

It is recognised that Boundary Road is a residential street opposite a recreation area for half its length and a residential street opposite an industrial estate for the other half. Boundary Road cannot be viewed in isolation, as any specific measures will have a knock-on effect on other roads. Two actions are proposed as follows:

- i. The Local Transportation Service will, in the short term, review the signage to determine if more can be done to inform and educate.
- ii. An area study bounded by Maybury Road, Monument Road, Boundary Road and Chertsey Road/Stanley Road will be undertaken to determine what proposals can be brought forward for this area. It is recommended that all residents and businesses be consulted in conjunction with local Members and report brought back to this Committee in April 2005 if the work programme permits.

Petition Regarding Traffic Using Boundary Road, Woking.

The purpose of this petition is to request that Surrey County Council:

- Put measures in place to reduce the speed of vehicles using Boundary Road
- Divert lorries away from Boundary Road
- Reduce the number of commuters using Boundary Road as a rat run.

Background

Boundary Road is a residential street that is made narrow by cars parking along one side of the road. There is a large recreation area next to the road that is very popular with local residents, in particular children.

At present there is a high volume of traffic using Boundary Road. Many commuters use this road as a quick route out of town, in order to avoid the Six Crossroads roundabout and the speed bumps on Walton Road. Many vehicles speed down Boundary Road, often travelling at forty or fifty miles per hour next to the playground. Children often cross the road to reach the park and are in danger of being knocked down by these speeding motorists. Speeding vehicles often cause damage to cars parked along the road and have also driven into houses and boundary fences.

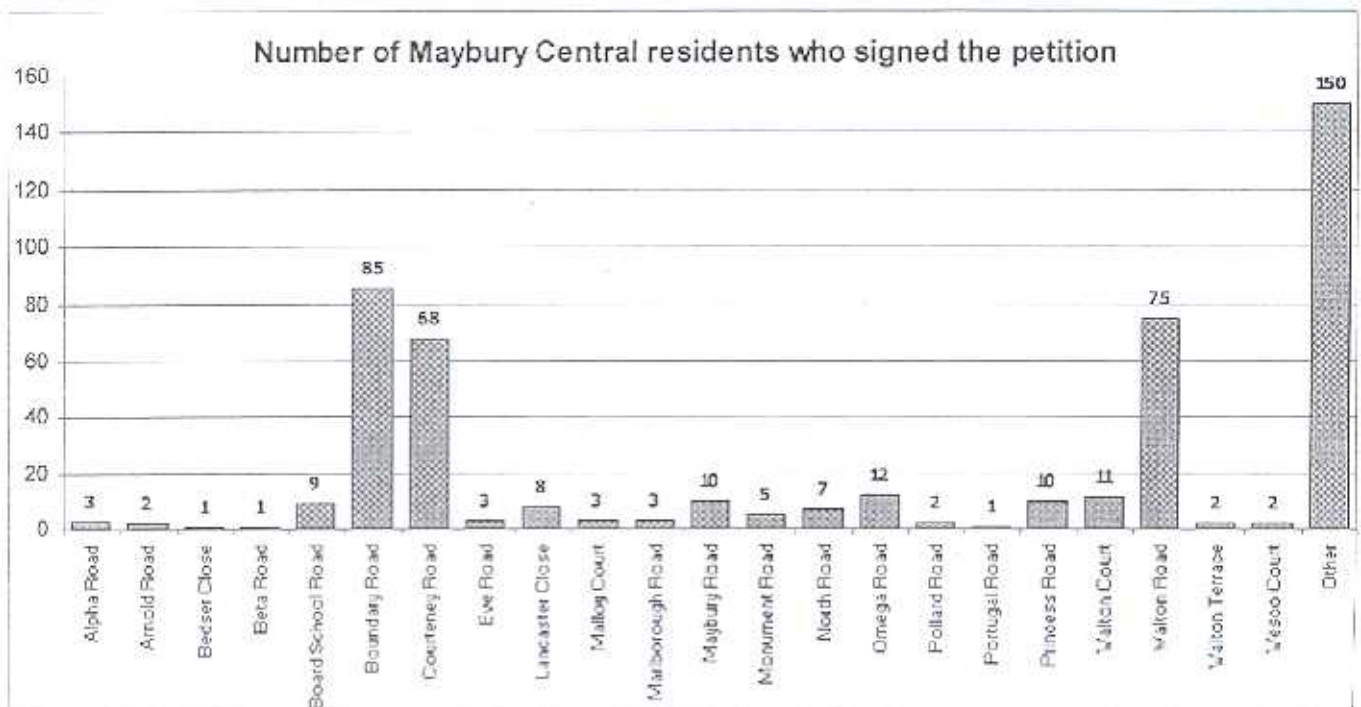
A large number of lorries also use Boundary Road to gain access to various industrial estates. As lorries pass, the houses shake and one resident already has a crack along the front of his house as a result of this. Lorries are also causing damage to the road, there are many pot-holes and cement mixers have spilt cement as they pass by

Collection of Signatures

This petition was carried out by residents of Boundary Road and Maybury Central. Several agencies offered their support, in particular the Sheerwater Maybury Partnership. Local shops helped collect signatures (the Atif Superstore, Cipullo's and Khan's Store) along with staff from the Maybury Infant School.

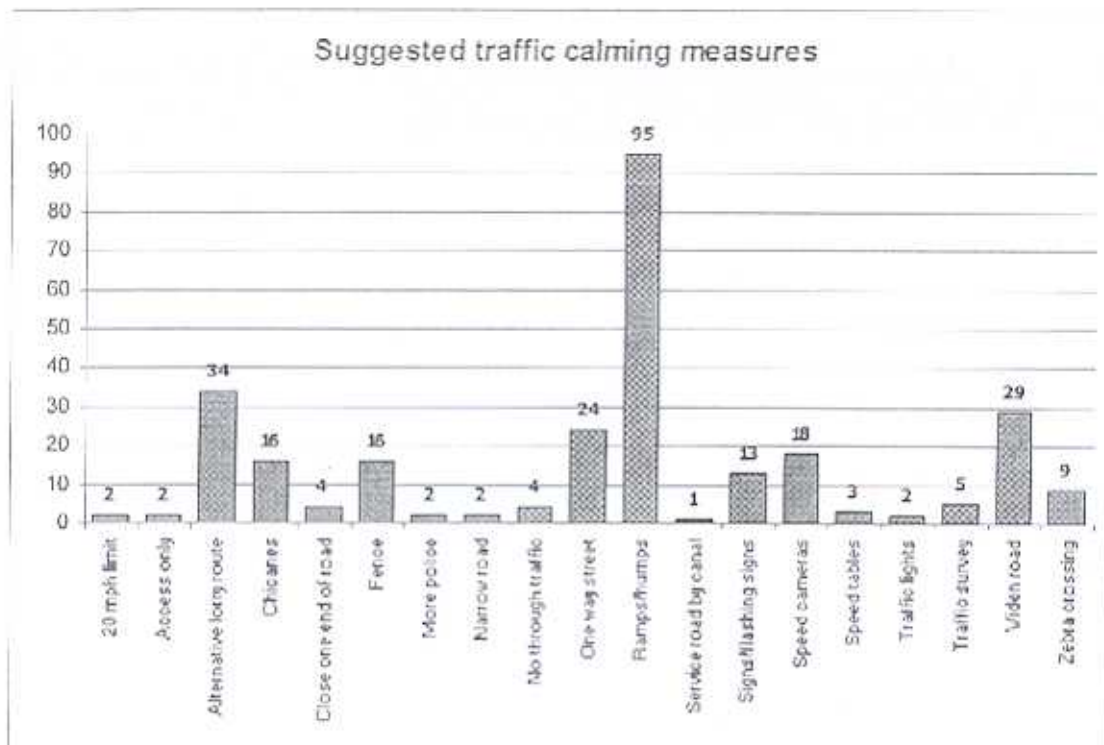
Responses

The response to this petition was very positive, virtually everyone who was asked was in favour of this petition and agreed to sign. In all 473 names were collected, of these 323 were residents local to Boundary Road (see chart below). The roads most significantly represented were Boundary Road, Courteney Road and Walton Road. However, many other local roads were represented, showing the wide ranging support for this petition. The remaining 150 names belonged to interested parties, many of whom often bring their children to the Boundary Road recreation area to play. Most of the directors of the Sheerwater Maybury Partnership also signed this petition.



Suggested Traffic Calming Measures

Those signing the petition were invited to suggest an appropriate way of calming traffic. The following suggestions were given:



Speed bumps were the most popular choice (this could be because people most often associate humps with traffic calming). There were a variety of other suggestions given, the most frequent choices being an alternative lorry route, making Boundary Road one-way, speed cameras and widening the road. Other useful suggestions were chicanes, signs/flashing signs, speed tables, a service road for lorries by the canal, closing one end of Boundary Road, 20 mph speed limit, a traffic survey to determine the best solution and restricting traffic to access only.

Note Concerning Other Developments in Maybury

Please note that this petition solely deals with traffic problems in Boundary Road and should in no way be seen as support for a refuse plant being built in Maybury.