



RESPONSE TO PETITION

HEATHSIDE CRESCENT JUNCTION WITH WHITE ROSE LANE WOKING

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING)
20 FEBRUARY 2008**

SUMMARY:

Wording of the petition:

We understand that there are two petitions on this subject. The first petition is worded as follows:

“We the undersigned, believe that this junction as constructed is dangerous, in that:

(a) there is no physical obstacle to motor vehicles proceeding north across the junction towards the station, and a number of motor vehicles have been observed doing precisely that; and

(b) drivers turning west out of White Rose Lane are faced with the conflicting needs to look both left for pedestrians crossing and right for traffic approaching from the east.

We accordingly petition the Committee to reconstruct this junction so that:

- (i) the carriageway to its west is widened;
- (ii) the western zebra crossing is provided with a central pedestrian refuge; and
- (iii) the present central island is extended westwards as far as that refuge”.

The second petition is worded as follows:

“We the undersigned believe this junction to be highly dangerous and demand that Surrey County Council commission an independent safety audit without delay”.

Presentation of the Petition:

The first is signed by 64 people and will be presented to the Committee by Councillor Philip Goldenberg. The second is signed by 371 people and will be presented to the Committee by Mr David Bittleston.

Paul Fishwick Local Highways Manager – Woking responded:

The scheme known as Heathside Crescent / White Rose lane / Oriental Road, Woking proposed pedestrian crossing and cycling facilities was first presented to the Local Committee on 20 October 2005. As with most improvement schemes, the County Council carry out an Independent Road Safety Audit at various stages during the design of the scheme and in some instances a 12-month post construction Audit.

The Road Safety Audit team consists of the Project Engineer for the scheme, two members of the Road Safety Audit Group, and a representative of Surrey Police.

Initial Design was carried out during 2005 and a Road Safety Stage 1 Audit was completed on the 20 September 2005. Following the Local Committee approval for the scheme Detailed Design was carried out by the County Council's partnership contractor Ringway during late 2005 and early 2006 and a Road Safety Stage 2 Audit Report was compiled on 15 February 2006.

The works commenced on site in June 2006 and were substantially completed to allow a Road Safety Stage 3 Audit to be reported on the 30 March 2007. The on site works were finally completed during July 2007, which included a number of recommendations from the Safety Audit.

Since the completion of these works, the site has been monitored and it is planned to hold a Road Safety Stage 4 Audit during July / August 2008, 12 months after completion of the scheme. This Road Safety Audit will recommend any changes to the junction layout and therefore no works will be undertaken until the Road Safety Audit has been received. The Project Engineer will sign off the Report with an Exception Report, where there is agreement with the recommendations or otherwise.

Following the Exception Report, if works are recommended that are agreed with, these will be carried out, as and when funding can be allocated.