



RESPONSE TO PETITION

WESTFIELD AVENUE

LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING)

20 FEBRUARY 2008

SUMMARY:

Wording of the petition:

We understand that the petition is worded as follows:

“Given the recent number of road accidents at the notorious ‘S-bend’ in Westfield Avenue, I the undersigned support this petition to Surrey County Council to identify what permanent road safety improvements could be made to reduce the risks to residents, pedestrians and other road users.”

Presentation of the Petition:

We understand that the petition has been signed by at least 120 people and will be presented by Councillor Stewart Brown.

Paul Fishwick Local Highways Manager – Woking responded:

The County Council receives details of Casualty data from Surrey Police, which are plotted onto the Wings System. The standard period for analysis is a 3-years.

An investigation of the system, covering 2005, 2006 and 2007 has revealed that there was one accident on 18 November 2007 involving two casualties both slight, where a vehicle travelling north through the bends, lost control and crashed into the garden of number 29. It is likely that the driver was travelling too fast, exceeding the speed limit and was impaired by alcohol.

As there are no other accidents at this location, there are no permanent road safety improvements that could be considered. However, Surrey Highways will continue to monitor the accident statistics inline with the Road Safety Local Action Plan approved by this Committee on 20 June 2007.

Westfield Avenue is included within the Surrey Highways Vehicle Activated Signs monitoring sites and the latest data indicates that the 85th percentile speed of 36mph northbound and 37mph southbound on the straight section of Westfield Avenue. This is slightly above the 'intervention' speed level, but the 85th percentile speed has reduced over the past year of monitoring.