



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE – PETITION
REGARDING BLACKHORSE ROAD, JUNCTION WITH
SAUNDERS LANE AND HEATH HOUSE ROAD
3rd February 2010**

KEY ISSUE

To advise the Committee that a petition has been received.

SUMMARY

Petition urging Surrey County Council to significantly upgrade the traffic calming measures at the crossroads junction.

The petition has 915 signatures.

Wording of Petition

“For a significant upgrading of traffic calming measures at the junction of Blackhorse Road, Heath House Road and Saunders Lane.

Since November 2008, there have been 7 injuries, 1 death and numerous other accidents at this junction. We feel that major improvements are vital to slow or stop traffic and prevent further serious accidents.”

Concerns

Although improvement works were undertaken at this junction in 2004, including the reduction of the speed limit on Blackhorse Road, collisions continue to occur at this junction. A fatal collision took place at the crossroads on 14 September 2009.

Marc Samways, Local Highways Manager, responded

We recognise the concerns raised by local residents regarding safety at the Blackhorse crossroads. The County Council has introduced a number of improvements at this junction over the years specifically aimed at reducing the number of accidents. These measures have included Vehicle Activated Signs, anti-skid surfacing, and signing and lining improvements. In addition the County Council led Casualty Reduction Working Group has recently discussed the injury accident record at this location.

It is important to stress that, at this stage, we do not know the full circumstances of the unfortunate fatal accident that occurred back in September 2009 but it is hoped that Surrey Police will be able to supply further information in due course.

A full response to the petition will be brought to the July Local Committee once detailed investigations including analysis of the injury accident record have been undertaken.