

Supplementary Agenda

Reigate & Banstead Local Committee

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Item 5 – Petition responses

Item 6 – Formal Public question
response

We welcome you to

Reigate and Banstead Local Committee

Your Councillors, Your Community
and the Issues that Matter to You



Venue

Location: Reigate Town Hall,
Castlefield Road,
Reigate, Surrey RH2
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Date: Monday, 17
September 2018

Time: 2.00 pm



SURREY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

5 PETITIONS

(Pages 1 - 10)

To receive any petitions in accordance with Standing Order 68. Notice should be given in writing or by email to the Community Partnership and Committee Officer at least 14 days before the meeting. Alternatively, the petition can be submitted on-line through Surrey County Council's e-petitions website as long as the minimum number of signatures (30) has been reached 14 days before the meeting.

Two petitions have been received:

- Petition to reduce traffic speeds on the service road off London Road North, Merstham, brought by the Residents Action Group for the Environment, (RAGE), which represents local environmental concerns of residents of London Road North and Glebe Road, Merstham.
- Petition to Surrey County Council to cut back and clear vegetation on or adjacent to bridleways around Reigate Heath, brought by Mrs Helen Slade.

6 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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12)

To answer any questions from residents or businesses within the Reigate and Banstead Borough area in accordance with Standing Order 69. Notice should be given in writing or by email to the Community Partnership and Committee Officer by 12 noon 4 working days before the meeting.

- Question received from Cllr Tarrant asking if the committee would consider funding a refuge / crossing island at the junction of The Chase and Ringley Park Avenue in Reigate.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



SURREY

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 17 SEPTEMBER 2018
SUBJECT: REDUCING TRAFFIC SPEEDS ON SERVICE ROAD OFF
 LONDON ROAD NORTH, MERSTHAM
DIVISION: MERSTHAM AND BANSTEAD SOUTH

PETITION DETAILS:

Residents Action Group for the Environment (RAGE)
 Representing local environmental concerns of residents of
 London Road North and Glebe Road, Merstham, Surrey

**PETITION TO REDUCE TRAFFIC SPEED ON
 SERVICE ROAD OFF LONDON ROAD NORTH, MERSTHAM**
 July 2018

Our service road (running parallel with the A23/M23 northbound merge on London Road North) provides main road access for five properties in Glebe Road and six houses along the service road itself.

This is currently unrestricted from the adjoining 50mph London Road North carriageway and is used extensively by rat runners jumping the daily traffic queues at the M23 exit.

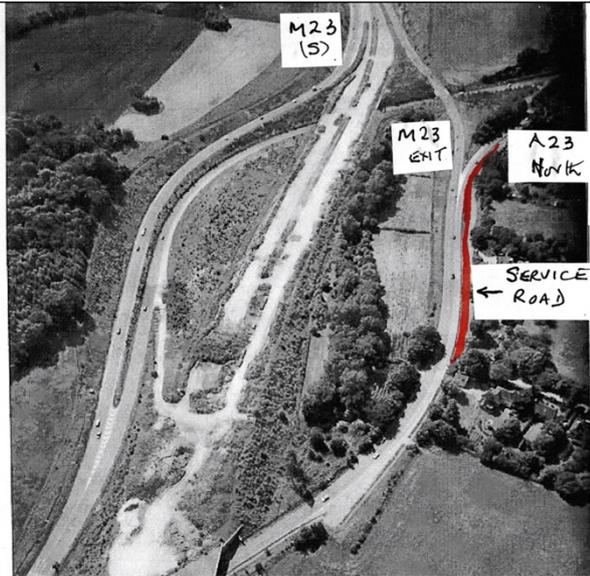
Thankfully accidents have been few but near misses are frequent due to rat runners assuming the service road is one way northbound. Also, part of the service road is on a blind bend.

Local residents are seeking by way of this Petition to have the speed limit in the service road reduced from 50 mph to 30 mph and appropriate traffic calming measures introduced – maybe speed humps, camera signs and two-way arrows painted at intervals in the road

(Petition has 20 signatories).

The petitioner has provided some supplementary photos that illustrate the issues – see overleaf.

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Location of 2-way service road (in red) at the unfinished M23/A23 junction south of Hooley



Entrance to 2-way 50 mph service road from one-way A23 north (also 50 mph)



The service road is used to jump the M23 exit queue



The 2-way warning sign to motorists entering the service road

RESPONSE:

The service road on London Road North is a public road that provides access to six properties on London Road North and five properties on Glebe Road which is a private road. The service road is two-way enabling residents/visitors to these properties to travel south along the A23 in order to access Merstham. There is also an access at the northern end of the service road which provides access to the A23 for drivers that want to travel north on the A23 towards Hooley. A footway runs along the length of the service road on the western side with a grass verge running along the eastern side, separating the service road from the A23. The A23 that runs alongside the service road is part of Highways England's trunk road network.

A review has been carried out of personal injury collisions that have occurred on the London Road North service road between July 2015 and the end of June 2018 (the most recent data available). During this period there were no personal injury collisions on this service road.

Surrey County Council does not hold any speed data for the London Road North service road. In December 2017 Reigate and Banstead Local Committee agreed to allocate some of their 2018/19 revenue budget to fund speed surveys, which are carried out using automatic traffic count equipment over a continuous 7 day period to comply with Surrey's Speed Limit Policy. London Road North service road will be added to the list of roads to be assessed in Reigate and Banstead. Once the location for the survey site has been identified and agreed with Surrey Police, the survey will be ordered. It should be noted that speed surveys should not be carried out if the results would be affected by other factors e.g. adverse weather conditions, or school holiday periods as this can lead to unrepresentative traffic speeds being recorded.

The results of the speed surveys will be reported to the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Member. If measured mean speeds comply with Surrey's Policy "Setting Local Speed Limits" for a speed limit reduction to 30mph on London Road North service road, then a decision can be taken as to whether this speed limit reduction is added to the Integrated Transport Scheme list of schemes for consideration for future Local Committee funding.

The petitioners have requested traffic calming in the service road. Surrey County receive many more requests for traffic calming than there is the funding available to provide such measures. It should also be noted that there is no available funding identified for traffic calming measures to be installed at this time. The cost of construction of traffic calming would be considerably more than the total annual budget for such schemes in the Reigate and Banstead area.

Surrey County Council does not install camera signs in locations where there is no safety camera present. Surrey County Council's policy for safety cameras is that they are reserved for the very worst collision hotspots where there has been a history of personal injury collisions involving vehicles exceeding the speed limit. As set out above the most recent data shows that there has been no personal injury collisions on London Road North service road between July 2015 and the end of June 2018 (the most recent data available). Therefore there are no plans to install a safety camera on the London Road North service road.

In regard to the residents request for two-way arrows to be installed on the road surface, it is normal practice to install arrows on roads where there is a road centre line. Under existing government guidance road centre lines can only be installed on roads over 5.5m wide, the London Road North service road is under 5.5m wide in places and we are therefore unable to install two-way arrows as suggested.

There are give-way lines incorporating a centre line at the southern entrance to the service road on London Road North, and a two-way traffic sign at this entrance which inform drivers that this is a two-way road. It is appreciated that the existing two-way traffic sign is difficult to see and is hidden by vegetation. It is therefore proposed to investigate the feasibility of moving the sign to a more prominent location. If this is not possible then the vegetation around the existing sign will be cut back and the existing sign changed to a yellow backed sign.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) The Local Committee is asked to agree that a speed survey in London Road North service road is carried out to assess whether or not vehicle speeds comply with Surrey County Council's speed limit policy for a reduction to 30mph.
- (ii) The Local Committee is asked to agree that the feasibility of relocating the existing two way traffic sign is investigated and that if this is not possible improvements are made to the existing sign.

Contact Officer: Anne-Marie Hannam, Senior Traffic Engineer, 0300 200 1003

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



SURREY

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 17th September 2018
SUBJECT: Cutting back the vegetation on the bridleways on Reigate Heath
DIVISION: Reigate

PETITION DETAILS:

There are a number of permissive bridleways and two statutory public bridleways on Reigate Heath. The petition states 'we the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to cut back and clear vegetation on or adjacent to bridleways around Reigate Heath. Vegetation should be cleared to allow two horses to pass easily on the bridleway which is currently a hazard.'

Petition has achieved 60 signatures.

RESPONSE:

There are two public bridleways, 13 & 15 Reigate, which run over Reigate Heath. BW 13 is a metalled road off Flanchford Road and BW 15 which runs past the Skimmington. There is also BW 11, although not on the registered heath is nearby, all other routes on the heath, used by horses are permissive. The County Council as the highway authority is responsible for clearing the surface vegetation of BWs 13, 15 and 11. Side growth such as hedges and overhanging branches are the responsibility of the landowner, which on the heath is Reigate and Banstead Borough Council. There are a number of permissive bridleways which are provided and maintained by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council. The county council has no maintenance responsibility towards these routes. The RBBC Countryside Officer reports that they have just completed a programme of clearing all their permissive routes, including those permissive bridleways.

The Countryside Access team operates an annual vegetation clearance programme which has been reduced by 70% to reflect a decrease in budget. Neither BW 11 or 13 have been on the schedule in the past, however a short section next to the Skimmington had previously been included but had been removed.

If the Countryside Access team receives a report of an overgrown public right of way, not on the schedule, then the path is monitored and added for cutting if there are sufficient reports from the public and funds are available. The team have received no reports from the public that either of these routes are overgrown and so were not on our annual vegetation programme for clearance. The Countryside Access team responds to reports of overgrown vegetation made via the Countryside report a fault page on the Surrey County Council website

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/land-planning-and-development/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/contact-us-or-report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

On receipt of this petition BW 11 and 12 have been inspected and two short sections of BW 12 by the car park and next to the Skimmington will be sent to our contractor for surface clearance and then added to next years' annual clearance programme. The section of BW 11 between Ivy Cottage and the field will also be cleared and then included in next years' programme. These and a number of additional paths in Reigate are programmed to be cut during the next week to the standard surface specification width of 2 meters.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) *Note the petition and officer's response.*

Contact Officer: Claire Saunders

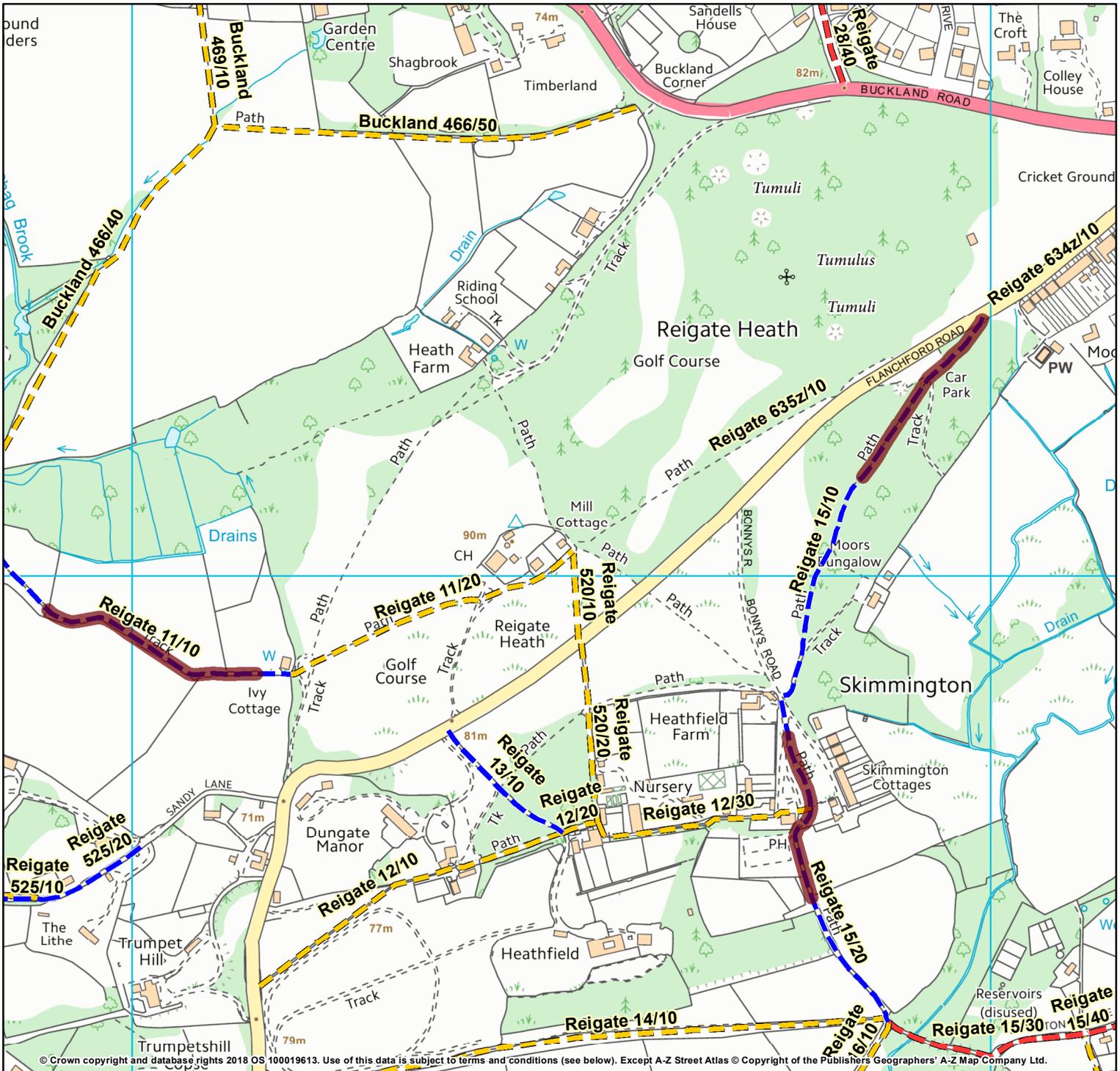
Senior Countryside Access Officer – Maintenance and Enforcement

REIGATE HEATH: PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Public rights of way are marked as blue dashed lines (bridleway) or yellow dashed lines (footpath). It is the responsibility of Surrey County Council to clear vegetation on the surface of these routes only, and for the landowner to cut back vegetation growing from the sides (eg. hedges).

Sections marked red have recently been identified for surface clearance, expected to be carried out by 21.09.18.

Where any landowner provides additional routes for the public to use, it is their responsibility to cut back any vegetation to an adequate width and height to enable safe passage.



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Questions from members of the public

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)



DATE: 17 SEPTEMBER 2018
LEAD OFFICER: SARAH J SMITH, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OFFICER

SUBJECT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

DIVISION: REDHILL WEST AND MEADVALE/REIGATE

Question received from Borough Councillor Anna Tarrant:

Would the committee consider funding a refuge / crossing island at the junction of The Chase and Ringley Park Avenue in Reigate?

This is an extremely wide junction where cars regularly cut the corner when turning right into The Chase. They are then driving both into oncoming traffic but more importantly at speed towards pedestrians crossing The Chase to continue up towards Dunottar School and Redhill Common.

Now that Dunottar School has increased in pupil numbers, there are even more children having to negotiate this junction. Children walk on the other side of the Ringley Park Avenue but the pavement there is very narrow and also requires them to cross another busy junction. Either way this junction really does need to be made safer.

Response:

The Chase in Reigate is a wide residential road linking Ringley Park Avenue and Blackborough Road. There is that a wide bellmouth at the junction of The Chase and Ringley Park Avenue, and it is acknowledged that this is a considerable distance for pedestrians to cross.

As part of a scheme to provide a pedestrian refuge island in the bellmouth it is likely that it would be necessary to widen the footway on the south side of The Chase. This would provide enough room for pedestrians to wait to cross and also avoid the utility company equipment that is in the existing footway. Widening the footway would considerably increase the cost of the scheme.

A review has been carried out of personal injury collisions that have occurred at the junction of The Chase and Ringley Park Avenue between July 2015 and the end of June 2018 (the most recent period for which data is available). During this period there have been no collisions resulting in personal injury at this location.

The South East Area Highway Team receives large numbers of requests for road safety measures on the public highway network, and has very limited funding for

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Questions from members of the public

such measures. Such requests are prioritised according to whether they meet Surrey County Council's Transport Plan objectives for example reducing personal injury collisions, improving journey time reliability by reducing congestion and encouraging the use of sustainable transport.

It is acknowledged that the request for a pedestrian refuge in The Chase may encourage the use of sustainable transport. However it would neither reduce collisions, nor improve journey time reliability by reducing congestion and would therefore be unlikely to be prioritised against other requests for schemes in the Reigate & Banstead area given the limited funding available.

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