

Supplementary Agenda

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Item 4 – Petition responses

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We welcome you to

Tandridge Local Committee

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Venue

Location: Tandridge District
Council offices,
Station Road East,
Oxted, RH8 0BT

Date: Friday, 21
September 2018

Time: 10.15 am

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

4 PETITIONS

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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.

Three petitions have been received

Petition 1: Janine Marks submitted a petition with 513 signatures, asking for a review of speed limits and a variety of additional highway measures between Bletchingley and Godstone .

Petition 2: Diane Brown submitted a petition with 226 signatures, requesting an urgent review the junction of Sandy Lane/ Big Common Lane/ Little Common Lane/ Pendell Road in Bletchingley and implement safety measures or changes to priorities at this accident blackspot.

Petition 3: Beverly Mann submitted a petition with 157 signatures requesting the speeds on Lingfield Common Road be reduced.

5 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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To answer any questions from residents or businesses within the Tandridge District 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 four working days before the meeting.

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 21 September 2018
 SUBJECT: A25 Godstone Road, Bletchingley
 DIVISION: Godstone

PETITION DETAILS:

To consider a petition containing 513 signatures – by Mrs Janine Marks
(NB duplication of some signatures on the e petition and hard copy of petition)

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to Urgently review Godstone Road from Bletchingley cemetery to Knights Way, Godstone to include the following provisions

- The 30mph limit remains where it currently is at the Bletchingley village gateway coming from Godstone;
- The Solar Vehicle Activated Sign opposite the cemetery be relocated to the Bletchingley village gateway (coming from Godstone);
- The Community Speedwatch be allocated a site between the cemetery and Chevington Villas;
- The 30mph limit at the Godstone gateway end be relocated to the staggered junction with Waterhouse Lane and North Park Lane;
- The middle section between Bletchingley and Godstone be reduced from 50mph to 40 mph;
- Additional highway measures be undertaken to support the changes including street lighting, pedestrian refuges, road chevrons, repeater signs and better road marking in particular the entrance to Knights Way.

RESPONSE:

Godstone Road in Bletchingley runs between High Street, Bletchingley at the junction with Outwood Lane and Church Lane and Bletchingley Road in Godstone at the junction with North Park Lane. Bletchingley Road continues east from North Park Lane to joins Needles Bank, which forms part of the Godstone one-way system. These roads are part of the A25, which forms part of Surrey's principal road network.

It should be noted that the report titled "A25 Godstone Road, Bletchingley Speed Limit Review" specifically relates to the section of the A25 south west of the existing 30mph signs in line with the property boundary between 14 Sunnybank Villas and Waterhouse Villa.

Six items of correspondence have been received, including a submission from the local Tandridge District Councillor. All of these are in support of some of the issues raised in this petition.

- **The petitioner requests that the 30mph speed limit remains where it currently is at the Bletchingley village gateway coming from Godstone.** A review of the speed limit on the A25 Godstone Road in Bletchingley forms the subject of a separate report presented to this Tandridge Local Committee. It is acknowledged that this issue has been subject to previous reports and a petition.
- **The petitioner requests that the solar Vehicle Activated Sign opposite the cemetery be relocated to the Bletchingley village gateway (coming from Godstone).** The solar Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is located on the pavement of the eastbound carriageway of Godstone Road opposite the bus stop outside the cemetery. This is an appropriate location as it provides a visual reminder to drivers travelling at speeds greater than 30mph to slow down in advance of the Rabies Heath Road junction. The VAS also provides a warning for drivers to slow down in advance of the fixed speed camera located opposite the car park of The Bletchingley Arms. There are already 30mph speed limit signs at the village gateway and the VAS is a reminder for drivers once they have already travelled past the fixed speed signs. For these reasons there are no plans to relocate this VAS to the gateway sign, as is suggested.
- **The petitioner requests that the Community Speedwatch be allocated a site between the cemetery and Chevington Villas.** Community Speedwatch is a nationwide initiative that is managed by the Police. Officers are not able comment on the location of Community Speedwatch sites.
- **The petitioner requests that the 30mph limit at the Godstone gateway end be relocated to the staggered junction with Waterhouse Lane and North Park Lane.** This is a new and additional request to the review of the speed limit on the A25 Godstone Road in Bletchingley, which is the subject of a separate report to this meeting of the Committee. Changing a speed limit requires a Traffic Regulation Order, to enable the Police to enforce any changed speed limit. This is subject to a statutory consultation process.

Surrey County Council has a policy “Setting Local Speed Limits” that sets out how speed limits are set on local roads. It is proposed that, in line with this policy, a speed survey is carried out on the A25 Godstone Road between North Park Lane and the Godstone gateway to measure existing traffic speeds. The results of the survey will establish whether the road complies with Surrey’s policy for a signed only speed limit reduction to 30mph. It should be noted that the limited budget set aside for speed surveys has already been allocated for this financial year 2018/19. It is proposed that this road be added to a list of surveys to be carried in the 2019/20 financial year, subject to funding.

The results of the speed surveys will be reported to the Local Committee Chairman, who is also the divisional member, and the Vice-Chairman. If

measured mean speeds comply with Surrey's Policy "Setting Local Speed Limits" for a speed limit reduction to 30mph on Godstone 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 petitioner requests that the middle section between Bletchingley and Godstone be reduced from 50mph to 40mph.** This is a new and additional request to the review of the speed limit on the A25 Godstone Road in Bletchingley, which is the subject of a separate report to this meeting of the Committee. Officers are aware that residents of both Bletchingley and Godstone had requested that the 50mph section of the A25 between the two villages be reduced to 40mph.

A speed survey was carried out in July 2018 on the 50mph section of Bletchingley Road. The results of the speed survey show average mean vehicle speeds as follows:

North west bound 48.6 mph
South east bound 47.4 mph

The results of this speed survey show good compliance with the existing 50mph speed limit, and would not comply with Surrey County Council's speed limit policy for a signed only speed limit reduction to 40mph.

- **The petitioner requests that additional highway measures be undertaken to support the changes including street lighting, pedestrian refuges, road chevrons, repeater signs and better road markings in particular the entrance to Knights Way.** These are new and additional requests to the review of the speed limit on the A25 Godstone Road in Bletchingley, which is the subject of a separate report to this meeting of the Committee. There are no proposals to change the speed limit on the 50mph section of Godstone Road as the measured speeds do not comply with Surrey's Policy for a signed only speed limit reduction to 40mph.

The first step will be to carry out a speed survey in line with our Policy to establish whether the measured mean speeds comply with Surrey's Policy for a signed only speed limit reduction. The proposal for a speed limit reduction on Bletchingley Road, Godstone could be added to the Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) list of schemes for possible future funding if the measured mean speeds comply with Surrey's policy for a signed only speed limit reduction.

If the measured mean speeds do not comply with a signs alone speed limit reduction then consideration could be given, subject to funding, to the provision of additional highway measures. Surveys would be carried out a period of time after the installation of those measures to assess whether the measures were effective in reducing the mean speeds in order to comply with the policy for a reduction in the speed limit.

The Tandridge Forward Programme of schemes for design and construction is made up from schemes on the ITS List and this programme is presented to the Tandridge Local Committee each year for decision. The County Councillors are responsible for deciding which schemes to prioritise and where to allocate resources. County Councillors will take into account representations from the public, the advice from the engineers which includes assessment of collisions, and the availability of funding.

It should be noted that the cost some of the requests eg provision of street lighting is likely to exceed the total annual budget for such schemes in the Tandridge area.

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 such measures. Therefore this request would need to be prioritised against other requests for the limited funding available.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Agree that a speed survey in A25 Bletchingley Road, Godstone is carried out to assess whether or not vehicle speeds comply with Surrey County Council's speed limit policy for a signed only speed limit reduction to 30mph.

Contact Officer: Philippa Gates, Traffic Engineer, South East Area Team, 03456 009 009.

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LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 21 September 2018
 SUBJECT: Petition – Junction of Sandy Lane/ Big Common Lane/ Little Common Lane/ Pendell Road in Betchingley
 DIVISION: Godstone

PETITION DETAILS:

To consider a petition containing 226 signatures – presented by Mrs Diane Brown

We the undersigned urgently request a review the junction of Sandy Lane/ Big Common Lane/ Little Common Lane/ Pendell Road in Betchingley and implement safety measures or changes to priorities at this accident blackspot.

Regular users of the Pendell Road/Big Common Lane/ Little Common Lane/ Sandy Lane junction in Betchingley are well aware of the regular accidents that occur. Pendell Road is a busy road between Merstham and Betchingley and Sandy Lane is a popular route from Caterham to the A25. The causes of the accidents are numerous and include poor sight lines and blind spots, particularly out of Sandy Lane; over grown trees and hedges, particularly Sandy Lane and when turning left from Big Common Lane; satnav systems incorrectly identifying priorities at the junction (showing Sandy Lane to Big Common Lane as a through Road), and inappropriate speeds on approaching the junction We would like the junction to undergo a detailed review to identify changes and improvements that could be made to reduce the volume of and severity of accidents.

RESPONSE:

The junction of Sandy Lane/Big Common Lane/Little Common Lane/Pendell Road in Betchingley is a crossroads junction. The priority being along Pendell Road and Little Common Road with drivers approaching from the west giving way at the Big Common Lane junction, and drivers approaching from the east giving way at the Sandy Lane junction. The junction is in a rural area with no street lighting and is within a 30mph speed limit. The speed limit on Pendell Road changes from 30mph to 40mph just to the north of the junction.

A site meeting has been held with an officer from the Road Safety Team and the previous County Councillor following concerns raised by residents regarding the safety of this junction. Residents were particularly concerned about the poor sight lines to the right (Pendell Road) for drivers waiting at the give-way marking at Sandy Lane. It was concluded at this site meeting that it is not possible to carry out physical measures to improve this visibility, without purchasing land and carrying out major works to redesign the junction. The funding required to carry out such work is not available at this present time and is unlikely to be so in the foreseeable

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future, and would require cooperation from the land owner. Therefore there are no plans to carry out works to improve the visibility at this junction, for drivers coming out of Sandy Lane.

Following a recent increase in the number of personal injury collisions at this junction, a review has been carried out and it has been noted that there are give-way warning signs on both Big Common Lane and Sandy Lane. However the give-way warning sign at the Sandy Lane junction isn't clearly visible due to a bend in the road, and so an advanced warning give-way sign is also in place on the approach to the Sandy Lane junction.

The visibility is good as drivers exit Big Common Lane and is not obstructed by vegetation. The visibility for drivers waiting at the give-way marking at Sandy Lane is good to the left (Little Common Lane) and is also not obstructed by vegetation. As previously stated the sight line is poor for drivers waiting at the give-way marking at Sandy Lane to the right (Pendell Road), however vegetation has been cut back to keep the sight line as clear as possible.

It was noted during the review that there is no junction ahead warning sign on Little Common Road, on the approach to the crossroads junction. It is therefore proposed that a junction ahead warning sign with a yellow backing is installed on this approach and that the existing junction ahead warning sign on the Pendell Road approach is also updated to a yellow backed sign in order to make it more visible.

This junction will be discussed at the next Road Safety Working group in November 2018 where the causes of the collisions at this junction will be discussed and any possible additional road safety measures identified. This group consists of Road Safety experts from both Surrey Police and the County Council as well as engineers from Surrey Highways. Any additional road safety measures identified by the Road Safety Working group will be reported to the Local Committee Chairman (who is also the divisional member) and Vice-Chairman.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) The Local Committee is asked to agree that a new yellow backed junction ahead warning sign is installed in Little Common Lane on the approach to the Sandy Lane/ Big Common Lane/ Little Common Lane/ Pendell Road junction.
- (ii) The Local Committee is asked to agree that the existing junction ahead warning sign on Pendell Road is replaced with a yellow backed warning sign.

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LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 21 September 2018
 SUBJECT: Lower the speed limit on Lingfield Common Road
 DIVISION: Lingfield

PETITION DETAILS:

To consider a petition containing 157 signatures – presented by Ms Beverly Mann

We the undersign request on Lingfield Common Road:

1. A reduction in current speed limits of 50mph and 40mph to 30mph throughout from the junction at Ray Lane to the junction with Crowhurst Road and Station Road
2. Painting of double white lines throughout to prevent overtaking.
3. Police presence with speed cameras on a regular basis covering different times of the day and night to deter and fine speeding drivers.

Resident concerns are:

1. Excess speeds, especially during rush hours and late at night, creating dangerous conditions and high volumes of noise.
2. Excess heavy goods vehicles, also travelling at speed creating high volumes of noise and causing houses on Lingfield Common Road to shudder.
3. Poor sight lines, creating difficult and dangerous conditions due to speed of traffic when pulling in and out of resident drive ways, and turning in and out of resident roads.
4. Dangerous conditions when walking on pavement due to narrowness of pavement and speed of traffic.

RESPONSE:

Lingfield Common Road, Lingfield is a straight road which runs between the B2029 Ray Lane and Crowhurst Road, it has a 40mph speed limit between the junction with the B2029 Ray Lane and the edge of the built up area (approximately 350m east of the junction with the B2029 Ray Lane). The speed limit east of this point is 50mph, and the road becomes semi-rural in nature.

When residents raised concerns about vehicle speeds and road safety in Lingfield Common Road, a site meeting was held with County Councillor Lesley Steed, Surrey Police and an officer from Surrey County Council's South East Area Team. As a result of this site meeting Surrey Police carried out a speed survey, for one week from 13th to 19th September 2017, within the existing 40mph speed limit on Lingfield Common Road. The results of this survey recorded mean average vehicle speeds as follows;

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Eastbound – 37mph
Westbound – 38mph

The results of this speed survey shows good compliance with the existing speed limit, and would not meet Surrey County Council's speed limit policy for a reduction to 30mph.

Following a question raised at the September 2015 Local Committee, speed surveys were carried out to assess whether or not the existing mean speeds within the 50mph speed limit in Lingfield Common Road and Haxted Road met SCC's policy for a speed limit reduction. The results of the survey were as follows;

Site 1 – Lingfield Common Road, east of junction with Crowhurst Road/Station Rd

Eastbound - 41.6mph
Westbound - 37.7mph

Site 2 – Haxted Road, west of junction with Bowerland Lane

Eastbound - 44.3mph
Westbound – 42.4mph

Site 3 – Haxted Road, east of junction with Water Lane

Eastbound – 41.6mph
Westbound – 43.1mph

Site 4 – Haxted Road, outside West Haxted Farm

Eastbound – 44.1mph
Westbound – 41.2mph

The above results show that mean speeds do not comply with the requirements of the policy for a speed limit reduction to 30mph. However they do comply with the requirements of the policy for a speed limit reduction to 40mph. A scheme to reduce the existing 50mph speed limit on Lingfield Common Road and Haxted Road to 40mph was added to the Tandridge Integrated Transport Scheme Programme for this financial year and will be installed by the end of March 2019.

Double white lines are used to prohibit overtaking where visibility is restricted, for example on the approach to a bend or on the brow of a hill. The section of Lingfield Common Road between the B2029 Ray Lane junction and the junction with Crowhurst Road/Station Road is straight with good forward visibility. Therefore the installation of double white lines to prohibit overtaking would not be suitable for this section of Lingfield Common Road.

Officers are not able to comment on the request for Police speed enforcement on Lingfield Common Road as this is a matter for the Police and not Surrey County Council.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
The Local Committee is asked to: (i) The Local Committee is asked to note the content of the response.

Contact Officer: Anne Anne-Marie Hannam, Senior Traffic Engineer, South East Area Team, 03456 009 009.

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

**SUBJECT: Public Question: Correspondence of support for petition 1,
A25 Bletchingley**

DIVISION: GODSTONE



I understand that Surrey County Council strongly supports engagement from residents, parish councils and members. I would like to ask the committee why there is no reference to a number of items directly relevant to agenda item 8 in the officer report for that item.

Specifically (in chronological order):

- (1) A Petition raised by Mrs Janine Marks (Agenda item 4 Petition 1) which closed on 7th September 18. This petition consists of 513 signatures who support the retention of the 30mph limit amongst other proposals relevant to this part of the A25. The petition also has specific reference to the Development at Knights Way, a reason for deferral of a decision at your 9th December 16 meeting;
- (2) Letter from Tandridge District Council ward members Black, Elias and Vickers supporting the Petition and making other recommendations dated 3rd September 18;
- (3) Letter of support of the Petition from Godstone Village Association representing the views of the organisations and residents within Godstone dated 22 August 18;
- (4) Letter of support of the Petition from Divers Cove Ltd representing the Directors, staff and eleven hundred plus members dated 12th August 18;
- (5) Letter of Support of the Petition from Sir Richard Stilgoe on behalf of the Orpheus Centre dated 8th August 18;
- (6) Letter from Bletchingley Parish Council (BPC) detailing support and recommendations dated 23 July 18;
- (7) Councillor Elias's detailed submission to yourselves dated 18th June 18 enclosed with the BPC letter.

The petition and documents mentioned above have the utmost relevance to this agenda item and represent the views of hundreds of residents, locally elected representatives and community organisations. They should form part of your considerations and be included in the agenda report for the public record.

Response:

It should be noted that the report titled "A25 Godstone Road, Bletchingley Speed Limit Review" specifically relates to the section of the A25 south west of the existing 30mph

signs in line with the property boundary between 14 Sunnybank Villas and Waterhouse Villa. A petition has been received that raises a number of concerns in relation to both speed limits and road safety on the A25 between Bletchingley and Godstone. Officers have produced a response to this petition which will be discussed at this Local Committee. It is acknowledged that this issue has been subject to previous reports and a petition.

It is not common practice for the county council to publish the letters of support or objection received in relation to its proposals. I can confirm however that 6 items of correspondence have been received, both direct and via the District Councillor, which support the petition and District Councillor's submission. All have been circulated to the committee members, and relevant officers, for their consideration ahead of their decision making at the meeting. They have also on been placed on file as part of the background to this matter.

A summary of the issues raised across the letters include;

- Full support for the petition
- Requests for a full speed review, which included extending the 30mph speed limit to from Godstone to past the Waterhouse Lane and North Park Lane junctions and lowering of the speed limit from 50 mph to 40mph from Waterhouse Lane to the current 30mph limit at Bletchingley
- Requests for additional measures to reduce speed, suggestions included better road markings, signage, repeater signs and lighting to make the road safer for all users between Bletchingley and Godstone villages.
- Installation of a pedestrian refuge near to the bus stops at Waterhouse Lane and North Park Junctions

The Officer response to the petition is available in item 4 and the Committee will discuss the points raised in that item at the meeting.

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