

Supplementary Agenda

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Supplementary Agenda

- Item 5a – Petition to introduce 20 mph speed restrictions on Roundwood Way, Banstead
- Item 6 – Formal Public Questions
- Item 7 – Formal Member Questions

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Venue

Location: Reigate Town Hall,
Castlefield Road,
Reigate, Surrey RH2
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Date: Monday, 3 June
2019

Time: 2.00 pm

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

- 5 a PETITION TO: INTRODUCE 20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS ON ROUNDWOOD WAY, BANSTEAD** (Pages 1 - 2)

The full wording of the petition and officer comment will be published within the supplementary agenda.

- 6 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS** (Pages 3 - 4)

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.

- 7 FORMAL MEMBER QUESTIONS** (Pages 5 - 6)

To receive any questions from Members under Standing Order 47. Notice should be given in writing to the Community Partnership and Committee Officer before 12 noon 4 working days before the meeting.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)****DATE: 3 JUNE 2019****SUBJECT: PETITION TO INTRODUCE 20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS IN
ROUNDWOOD WAY, BANSTEAD****DIVISION: NORK AND TATTENHAMS****PETITION DETAILS:**

Roundwood Way is used by many Banstead road users as a cut through. It is a road that curves and is on a hill so many road users come round the top bend and pick up speed going down the hill. There have been a range of accidents and plenty more near misses recently and I feel that it is only a matter of time before something tragic happens. Roundwood Way is also the home of Warren Mead Junior School and I am therefore amazed that there is not a reduced speed restriction in place all the way down the road. There are children on foot and on scooters plus plenty of extra cars at school drop off and pick up times creating lots of added hazards. Something needs to change before it is too late.

RESPONSE:

Roundwood Way is a residential road in Nork that links Warren Road with Nork Way. Warren Mead Junior School is accessed from Roundwood Way. The speed limit on Roundwood Way is 30mph and the Police are responsible for enforcing this limit.

A review has been carried out of reported personal injury collisions in Roundwood Way between December 2015 and November 2018 (the latest period for which data is available). During this period there have been 2 collisions resulting in slight injuries, one of these collisions involved an elderly pedestrian and was at the junction of Roundwood Way and Nork Way.

The petitioners are requesting a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph as there is a school on the road. It is acknowledged that Warren Mead Junior School is accessed from Roundwood Way, but it does not follow that the speed limit on that road should be 20mph. The majority of primary schools in Surrey are on roads with a speed limit of 30mph.

Surrey County Council has an approved Speed Limit Policy which sets out the criteria under which a reduction in speed limit by signs alone would be considered. The policy requires that the length of road over which a speed limit change would be considered should be at least 600m in length. This is to ensure against too many speed limit changes that could be confusing to the motorist along a length of road. The suggestion being put forward by the petitioners would meet this criterion.

The policy also requires existing speeds to be measured over a 7 day continuous period using automatic survey equipment. If automatic surveys of vehicle speeds are not possible, then a sample of speeds will be undertaken using a hand held speed measuring device at different times of the day, to ensure the sample is representative. The measured existing mean speeds are then compared to a threshold set out in the policy and if the recorded mean speeds are below the threshold, then the council will

consider reducing the speed limit. For a reduction from 30mph to 20mph, the threshold mean speed is set at 24mph.

There is no recent speed survey data available for Roundwood Way. Reigate & Banstead Local Committee have no revenue budget to fund an automatic survey to record vehicle speeds for a 7 day continuous period, during this financial year. Therefore officers will arrange for sample speeds to be taken on Roundwood Way using a hand held measuring device. It should be noted that speed surveys should not be carried out if the results would be affected by other factors such as adverse weather conditions or school holidays. The results of the speed survey will be reported to the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and the divisional member.

The petitioner is expressing concern about the safety of children using Roundwood Way when going to and from the school. Surrey County Council have a Road Safety Outside Schools policy, which sets out how concerns about safety outside schools are investigated. One of the most frequently expressed road safety concerns is that of the safety of children outside schools. At school drop off and pick up times the roads in the immediate vicinity of schools are especially busy and there is usually a high level of vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist activity. This causes slower vehicle speeds and congestion and very often leads to frustration from residents and motorists at the apparent chaos caused by parents and children arriving or leaving the school. The purpose of Road Safety Outside Schools policy is to set out the process that will be used by Surrey County Council for investigating and responding to concerns about road safety outside schools. The aim of the policy is to reduce the risk of collisions, and to make the road feel safer in order to improve the attractiveness of walking and cycling to and from schools.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to note:

- i) The officers comment
- ii) That Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team will carry out a road safety assessment as set out in the policy in the Autumn Term of 2019. The results of the assessment will be reported to the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the divisional Member.

Contact Officer:

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Questions from members of the public

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)



DATE: 3 JUNE 2019
LEAD OFFICER: JESS EDMUNDSON, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OFFICER

SUBJECT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

DIVISION: ALL

Question 1: Mr Ian Thirlwall

This is a question regarding the Highways England A23 widening proposed through Hooley.

This will have a negative impact on the residents of Hooley, particularly those living and working on the Brighton Road stretch of the proposed widening. We are concerned about the development in three areas:

- Firstly, because we believe it will have a negative impact on air pollution, which will impact our health. There are already high levels of traffic exhaust fumes which are the highest in the county, and this widening could increase traffic in this location.
- Secondly, the scheme proposes to build on the verges and pavements, which will have a negative impact on pedestrians and cyclists, bringing cars within "brushing distance". This could increase accident risk to pedestrians and cyclists. It is not clear how this will be managed (in terms of adverse impacts on our livelihoods and local businesses) both during the twelve month construction programme and in the long-term.
- Thirdly, will the scheme address the traffic-accident-waiting-to-happen at the unofficial makeshift 'turnaround' on the A23 at the junction with Starbucks.
- Finally, it is unclear why this is the best option – as the benefit according to Highways England is only to the M23/ M25, rather than also providing any local benefits for the £4m cost to the taxpayer.

Surely it would be better to spend (significantly less) money on traffic management in Hooley and neighbouring Chipstead where traffic accidents are waiting to happen and reduce speeding on local roads such as Star Lane, Elmore Road, High Road and Coulsdon Lane.

In light of this:

1. Please can you confirm Surrey County Council's view on this scheme in terms of: air pollution impact, traffic impact (particularly the way the scheme

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will help Surrey's transport to become more sustainable) and the proposal to invest £4million in this way rather than on local transport improvements?

2. Please can you provide full details of the consultations with Surrey County Council to date and how the scheme has been changed to reflect local views? Please can the responses that Surrey County Council have given to Highways England on the finalised scheme also be made public?
3. How much of the £4m is being allocated to local improvements as noted above.

Response

The A23 north of the Hooley interchange with the M23, is a Highways England road. The proposed scheme is promoted and managed by Highways England. Further details of the scheme can be found on the Highways England website.

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a23-brighton-road-hooley-improvements/>

It will take some time to gather the information that you have requested in the questions above and these has been logged as a Freedom of Information request on your behalf.

Questions from members of the Local Committee

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LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)



DATE: 3 JUNE 2019

LEAD OFFICER: JESS EDMUNDSON, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OFFICER

SUBJECT: QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

DIVISION: ALL

Question 1: Mr Jonathan Essex

I have been asked by one of the Governors of the Warwick School to enquire as to whether the whole of Noke Drive in Redhill could be adopted by Surrey County Council. Noke Drive is a road that has no residential properties along it and runs alongside Redhill Brook with the Warwick School at one end. I understand that the road is partially adopted by Surrey County Council, but one third is currently jointly the responsibility of Surrey County Council, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and the Warwick School. I would be grateful if you could confirm the exact current situation and whether Surrey County Council would be prepared to adopt the whole road.

Response

Noke Drive is a single carriageway road which connects the A25 in the east to the Warwick School in the west. It is a public highway from the junction with the A25, for a distance of approximately 70m, where at its junction with Knight's Place it becomes a private road under the ownership of Surrey County Council as education authority.

Surrey County Council do not normally adopt existing roads (roads that are currently privately owned).

The Highways Information Team handle enquiries about adoption of existing roads. In order for Noke Drive to be adopted as a public highway it would need to conform to Surrey County Council's public highway standards. No formal assessment has been carried out to establish what works would be required in order to ensure that Noke Drive is built to Surrey County Council public highway standards for adoption.

Warwick School (an academy school) could make an application for adoption, however the cost of bringing the road up to highway standards could be considerably higher than the cost of maintaining the existing private access road.

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