

Supplementary Agenda

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Venue

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

Date: Friday, 6 March 2020

Time: 10.15 am



SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

4 PETITIONS

(Pages 1 - 6)

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.

Petition 1 – Petition received from Diane Brown regarding Road Safety on Pendell Road, Bletchingley.

Petition 2 – Petition received from Davina Matlock regarding road safety on Godstone Road, Whyteleafe.

5 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(Pages 7 - 18)

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.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)



DATE: 6 MARCH 2020

SUBJECT: Pendell Road and Merstham Road junction, Betchingley

DIVISION: Godstone

PETITION DETAILS:

To consider a petition containing 254 signatures – by Diane Brown

(The total number of signatures online is 364, however only signatures from Surrey and the local area have been included in the final figure)

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to make improvements to the corner of Pendell Rd and Merstham Rd in Betchingley.

The corner of Merstham Rd and Pendell Rd is on a busy through route between Betchingley and Merstham and a route for people between the schools in Merstham, Betchingley and the Hawthorns. The corner outside Barker's Grooming has had sixteen accidents in the last 12 months. The reason for these accidents appears to vary but what is apparent is that the corner is treacherous in cold conditions, poorly signposted on approach, and a difficult bend to negotiate. We ask the Council to investigate the bend and propose and implement changes that will help reduce the number of accidents here.

RESPONSE:

Officers have checked the council's database of collisions resulting in personal injury recorded by the police. This shows that in the last five years there has been just one collision resulting in personal injury recorded at the corner outside Barker's Grooming. This data can be viewed via www.crashmap.co.uk.

Ordinarily officers would prioritise investment on collision reduction highway schemes, on the basis of the numbers of injury collisions and not damage only collisions, because information on damage only collisions is not systematically reported and recorded by the police. However, in this case the petitioners have been able to demonstrate a clear evidence of a pattern of collisions, and evidence of consequences that while so far have not resulted in serious injury, could do so in the future. Therefore, the site will be included on the list of sites for investigation by the council's road safety engineering team, with a view to developing and implementing a highway safety improvement as soon as possible within the next financial year. The investment for the scheme will be covered by the county council's central budget for addressing collision hotspots managed by the road safety engineering team. Officers will seek a meeting on site with the resident/petitioner to help understand the extent and nature of the problem within the next few weeks and are grateful to the resident/petitioners for bringing this to the attention of the council.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Agree that the road safety engineering team will meet with the resident/petitioners on site to help understand the extent and nature of the problem. Following investigation a highway safety scheme will be developed for implementation within the next financial year. This will be funded from the council's central budget for addressing collision hotspots managed by the road safety engineering team.

Contact Officer: Duncan Knox, Road Safety & Active Travel Team Manager

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)



DATE: 6 MARCH 2020
 SUBJECT: Road Safety on Godstone Road, Whyteleafe
 DIVISION: Caterham Valley

PETITION DETAILS:

To consider a petition containing 223 signatures – by Mrs Davina Matlock
(The total number of signatures on change.org is 305, however only signatures from Surrey and the local area have been included in the final figure)

With another tragic fatality on Godstone Road it is time to make the government responsibility and action.

There are Lorries, cars, quad bikes and motorbikes speeding down this residential main road with no thought or care for the damage or devastation they are causing. The 30 - 40 speed limit is too high along this road and is not being adhered to and speed cameras are not working and traffic lights break down or lights are jumped. There are not enough traffic lights along the whole of Godstone Road and drivers often jump amber and red lights. There are a number of schools surrounding Whyteleafe and Kenley and Warlingham area there are not safe routes leading to school bus stops or enough crossings to make this dangerous road safe.

We want to see a reduction of speed limit on this road, plus Hillbury Road, more crossings at regular intervals, more aggressive speed monitoring, more speed cameras and an update of existing crossing at Whyteleafe which has been reported on more than one occasion as being out of action.

RESPONSE:

Officers would like to offer their condolences to the family and friends of the pedestrian who sadly died in the collision that took place on the A22 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe close to the junction of Hillside Road on 9 January 2020. Officers are unfortunately not able to comment on the circumstances of this collision as it is the subject of an ongoing police investigation.

The petitioner is asking that the speed limit on the A22 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe and Hillbury Road is reduced. The speed limit on the A22 Godstone Road between Wapses Lodge roundabout and a point just south of the junction with Salmons Lane is 40mph. The speed limit from this point north to the Surrey boundary with Croydon is 30mph.

Surrey County Council has a policy “Setting Local Speed Limits” that sets out how speed limits can be reduced. The policy can be downloaded from the Surrey County Council webpage at the following address:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-safety/outside-schools>

In September 2017 speed surveys were carried out near Well Farm Road and near Court Bushes Road on the 40mph section of the A22. The results of these surveys showed good compliance with the 40mph speed limit, mean speeds were below 40mph in each direction at both locations. The results did not comply with Surrey's Policy to reduce the speed limit to 30mph with a traffic order and signs.

In June 2019 speed surveys were carried out near the fixed speed camera on the 30mph section of road. The mean speeds were 26mph in each direction, showing good compliance with the speed limit. However these speeds do not comply with Surrey's Policy to reduce the speed limit to 20mph with a traffic order and signs.

Supporting engineering measures such as traffic calming would be required to lower these speed limits, to encourage drivers to drive at any new lower speed limit. However there are unfortunately very limited measures that can be installed on this A road which has high traffic flows, and which is regularly used by the emergency services. For these reasons there are no current plans to reduce the speed limit on the A22 Godstone Road in Whyteleafe as is suggested.

There is no recent speed survey data available for Hillbury Road and no funding is currently identified to carry out speed surveys on this road.

The petitioner is requesting that more crossings are provided on the A22. On the section of the A22 Godstone Road between Wapses Lodge roundabout and the roundabout at the junction of Whyteleafe Hill and Hillbury Road there are two formal pedestrian crossings controlled by traffic lights. One of these crossings is located just to the south of the junction with Salmons Lane. The other crossing is located between the Hillbury Road roundabout and St Lukes Road outside the parade of shops on the east side of the A22. There is an informal crossing on the A22 just north of the junction with Station Road. This crossing consists of a central pedestrian refuge island with dropped kerbs and tactile paving on the pavements on either side of the island.

At the March 2018 meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee there was a public question requesting that additional crossing points be provided on the A22 Godstone Road in the vicinity of Hillside Road. Following that question a scheme for feasibility design into the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the A22 Godstone Road between Station Road and Salmons Lane was added to the Integrated Transport Scheme list for consideration for future funding. Officers will continue to seek funding for this scheme.

The petitioner is requesting that more aggressive speed monitoring is carried out on the A22 Godstone Road. The enforcement of the speed limit on the A22 is a matter for the Police.

The petitioner is requesting that more speed cameras are provided on the A22 Godstone Road. There is an existing fixed speed camera on the A22 Godstone

Road adjacent to the petrol station just north of Salmons Lane. The speed survey data collected in June 2019 shows that this camera is operating effectively.

The Council's approach for permanent fixed speed cameras is that they are reserved for the very worst collision hotspots where there has been a history of collisions involving speeding. The reason for this is that new fixed cameras are very costly to install, and then require ongoing maintenance by the council and ongoing processing of offences by the police. Consequently the County Council cannot afford to expend limited resources on cameras for all the roads for which they are requested, and instead we reserve them for the most dangerous roads where they are needed the most.

An investigation has been carried out into the recorded personal injury collisions on the section of A22 Godstone Road between the Hillbury Road/Whyteleafe Hill roundabout and Wapses Lodge roundabout, collisions on the roundabouts have not been included. During the three year period December 2016 to November 2019 (the latest dates for which data is available) there have been 14 reported personal injury collisions. Of these collisions 5 resulted in serious injury and 9 resulted in slight injury. The Police officer attending the scene of the collision did not consider that exceeding the speed limit, or travelling too fast for conditions was a contributory factor in any of the collisions.

Although the County Council strive to reduce collisions on Surrey's roads this road has not been identified for additional engineering measures through Surrey's Road Safety Working Group. This group consists of Road Safety experts, Highway Engineers and the Police, and considers clusters of collisions where engineering measures may be effective at reducing collisions. This section of the A22 has not been considered by the Road Safety Working Group. For the reason given above there are no current plans to install additional fixed speed cameras on the A22 Godstone Road in Whyteleafe as is suggested.

The petitioner has expressed concerns about the signalised pedestrian crossing in Whyteleafe not working. The Traffic Signals Team has provided information about the crossing between Hillbury Road and St Lukes Road. This crossing has a remote monitoring system so that engineers are aware when there is a fault with the crossing equipment. The crossing was not working on five occasions since April 2019. On each occasion contractors attended the same day to restore the traffic lights at the crossing.

Officers acknowledge how distressing it can be for residents to experience collisions in their neighbourhood. To address some of the concerns raised, a scheme for feasibility design into the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the A22 Godstone Road between Station Road and Salmons Lane is on the Integrated Transport Schemes list for consideration for future funding.

Surrey County Council is currently investing significant funds into the maintenance and improvement of the highway over the next five years, and this includes supporting sustainable transport such as walking. There is currently a large number of requests for schemes of this nature, and these need to be prioritised. Whilst officers are unable to provide a date when this feasibility work could be

carried out, this scheme is identified as a supported project. This petition has helped to demonstrate support for this project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the Officers response.

Contact Officer: Zena Curry, Traffic Engineer, South East Area Team, 03456 009 009.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)
DATE: **6 March 2020**
SUBJECT: **Public Question: Godstone Road, Whyteleafe**
DIVISION: **Caterham Valley**



Background

On the 9th January 2020, there was a road traffic accident on the Godstone Road (A22), near the junction of Hillside Road, which resulted in the death of a pedestrian.

The Godstone Road which runs the length of Whyteleafe handles a high volume of traffic. Other busy roads include Whyteleafe Hill and Hillbury Road.

The control of traffic speed and flow is crucial to safety.

Question

There is a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the Godstone Road, near Hillside Road, installed by Surrey County Council (SCC) and several speed camera warning signs that are incorrectly positioned.

There is a VAS sign on Whyteleafe Hill (approaching Whyteleafe School) and another on Hillbury Road (prior to the entrance to Whyteleafe Recreation Ground).

What commitment can we as Village Councillors get from SCC to reassure our residents that these road safety tools are positioned correctly, functioning properly and maintained effectively?



Godstone Road VAS near Hillbury Road,
Whyteleafe (not working?)



Speed camera sign (facing houses) at
146 Godstone Road



Speed camera sign at 129 Godstone
Road but where's the camera?



Hillbury Road VAS near entrance to Whyteleafe Recreation Ground (not working?)



Whyteleafe Hill VAS near Whyteleafe School (not working?)

Response:

The conventional “Box Brownie” speed camera warning signs referred to, (positioned outside 126 and 146 Godstone Road), are intended to face northbound traffic travelling into the London Borough of Croydon. From inspection of historic Google Streetview images, it seems that the signs were in situ at least as far back as July 2008. The reasoning and the year that these signs were installed is lost in the “annals of time”.

Within Surrey, camera warning signs are provided on the approach to all fixed camera enforcement sites, and on the approach to sites where regular mobile camera enforcement takes place. The aim of this is to encourage drivers to stick to the speed limit without the need to issue penalties. However in some cases in previous decades such signs were installed on the approach to other sites where there were concerns over speeding, as a deterrent, irrespective of whether any real camera enforcement was taking place. In these cases, elsewhere in Surrey, such signs have been removed in recent

years, as their presence is unlikely to have any effect without the presence of real enforcement. The signs also add to signage clutter and the council's maintenance burden, and could reduce the impact of signage on the approach to sites where camera enforcement is really taking place. Consequently officers could arrange for these signs to be removed, or if local councillors prefer we can arrange for the sign outside house number 146 to be twisted back into place to face northbound traffic.

Electronic vehicle activated signs will illuminate for drivers who are approaching too fast to remind them of the speed limit or to warn of enforcement or of a hazard. They are set so that they illuminate only for a smaller number of drivers that exceed the limit by a few miles per hour. National and local research and monitoring has shown that the signs encourage slower speeds, and that the effect is enduring. Within Surrey there are approximately 600 vehicle activated signs.

The electronic vehicle-activated sign on Hillbury Road, on the approach to the junction with Westhall Road was installed in March 2012. The sign is mains powered, and displays the 30 mph speed limit roundel and "SLOW DOWN" if drivers are approaching too fast. The unit was subject to a repair in July 2019, after which the sign was observed as working again.

The electronic vehicle-activated sign on Whyteleafe Hill, near the junction with Regent's Close was installed in March 2008. The sign is solar powered and displays the 30 mph speed limit and "SLOW DOWN" if drivers are approaching too fast. Experience has shown that solar powered vehicle activated signs are a lot less reliable than those connected to mains power. This is because the solar powered batteries can run out of charge, and the batteries themselves degrade over time and need replacing. The effectiveness of the solar panels can also be affected by tree cover (which this site may suffer from). Officers suspect that this sign is beyond economic repair and will remove the sign sometime within the next financial year. Funding would need to be found for a replacement (approximately £2,500). Any new sign would be mounted on a lamp column and connected to mains power. New mains powered signs are very reliable and have a six year warranty as standard.

The electronic vehicle-activated sign on the A22 Godstone Road, near the junction with Hillside Road, was installed in March 2008. The sign is solar powered and displays the 30 mph speed limit roundel and safety camera warning sign if drivers are approaching too fast (the sign is positioned on the approach to the fixed speed camera). Within Surrey we have installed vehicle activated signs on the approach to most of our fixed speed cameras to warn of the presence of the enforcement if drivers are approaching too fast. These signs on the approach to safety camera sites have been funded from the safety camera partnership to encourage greater compliance with the speed limit rather than issuing penalties. For the same reasons described above, officers suspect that this solar powered sign is not working correctly, and is beyond economic repair. Consequently officers will seek to remove this sign and will provide a mains powered replacement in the new financial year. As this is on the approach to a safety camera site, funding will be sought from the safety camera partnership.

Contact Officer: Duncan Knox, Road Safety & Active Travel Team Manager
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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 6 March 2020



SUBJECT: Public Question: Highway matters

DIVISION: Godstone

Nutfield Parish Council asks three questions regarding highway matters in the Parish

- a. Kings Cross Lane – between the Avenue and Mid Street – where the road dips away (near new houses). It is becoming dangerous, please can you advise what will be done to rectify this?
- b. The repairs to the potholes in Trindles Road lasted until the next rainfall came and washed them out. The Parish Council would like to know when they will be filled so they do not get washed away again?
- c. Kings Cross Lane South Nutfield. Do you know when this will be resurfaced as NPC had communication on this last year?

Response:

- A. Concerns regarding the condition of the carriageway and drainage ditch on Kings Cross Lane, between The Avenue and Mid Street have been raised previously with Surrey County Council by the Divisional Member for the area. The Local Highways Officer and Divisional Member for the area have carried out a site visit and discussed the works that would be required. An estimate for these works is currently being produced, once this estimate has been received funding will be sought to carry out these works. The Divisional Member for the area has notified Surrey County Council that she would like her capital maintenance allocation to be used to fund these works, should sufficient funding be available within her allocation.
- B. Concerns about the condition of Trindles Road were raised by County Councillor Rose Thorn on 13 February 2020. Roads are inspected on a cyclical basis and any defects that meet the County Council's safety matrix are prioritised for repair. Trindles Road was due its annual inspection in February, and by chance this inspection took place on 14 February 2020. As part of this inspection three jobs were raised, two pot holes and a kerb, and these jobs were completed on 17 February 2020. As a result of this question Trindles Road was inspected again on 3 March 2020. The repairs completed on 17 February 2020 are in good condition and have not washed out, and no further safety defects were found.
- C. To maximise funding received from central government Surrey prioritises resurfacing schemes on its planned maintenance programme in accordance with best practice guidance on asset management.

All roads on the planned maintenance programme have been prioritised in accordance with the cabinet approved process. This process takes account of criteria including: condition; network priority; risk and network management.

Kings Cross Lane, South Nutfield does not currently prioritise as a major maintenance scheme when compared with other locations across the county. The road will continue to be inspected and any safety defects that meet the intervention level will be fixed.

The list of roads within the Tandridge District that are a priority for major maintenance are publicly available on Surrey County Council's website at the following location;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>

Surrey County Council is currently investing significant funds into the maintenance and improvement of the highway over the next 5 years, and this includes road surfacing works. There is currently a large number of requests for schemes of this nature, and these need to be prioritised. Officers are unable to provide a date when this surfacing work could be prioritised, although it is very helpful that NPC have identified support for these works.

Contact Officer: Philippa Gates, South East Area Highways Team
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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)
DATE: 6 March 2020
SUBJECT: Public Question: Highway matters
DIVISION: Caterham Valley



Stafford Close has had multiple patches applied to the road, however the pothole situation now makes it unsustainable to just keep patching the road.

The entire road surface is breaking up making it dangerous. I fell over this week as I slipped on the decaying surface.

Based on the appalling road surface, can you confirm when action will be taken to repair the surface?



Response:

To maximise funding received from central government Surrey prioritises resurfacing schemes on its planned maintenance programme in accordance with best practice guidance on asset management.

All roads on the planned maintenance programme have been prioritised in accordance with the cabinet approved process. This process takes account of criteria including: condition; network priority; risk and network management.

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Contact Officer:

highways@surreycc.gov.uk

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The road surface has degraded to the point that there are multiple potholes and the surface is breaking up on Tillingdown Hill, Waltham Road and Gaist Avenue in Caterham. Despite several reports the default response for the issues with the road surface is that it is low priority and will need to wait until the next planned Improvement works.

Considering the poor surface, potholes and danger of loose material on a hill, can you confirm work will be happening on this road in the next financial year? If not, when?



**Response:**

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Tillingdown Hill, Waltham Road and Gaist Avenue do not currently prioritise as a major maintenance schemes when compared with other locations across the county. The roads will continue to be inspected and any safety defects that meet the intervention level will be fixed.

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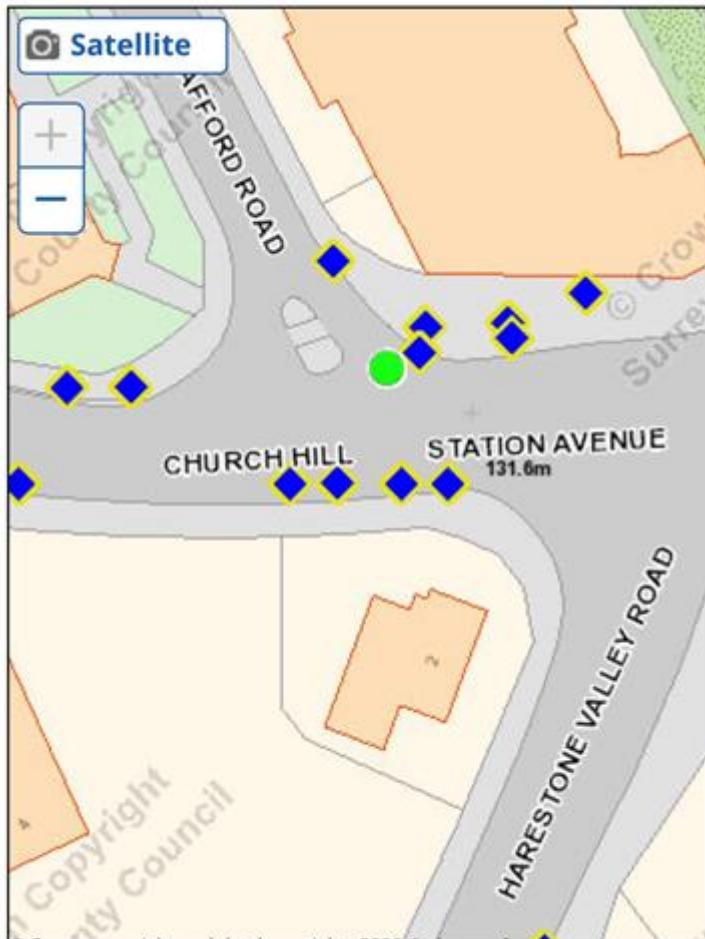
SUBJECT: Public Question: Highway matters

DIVISION: Caterham Valley

Following work completed in October last year to fully clear the drains on Church Hill, due to the limited drain capacity on Church Hill the drains at the junction of Stafford Road and Church Hill are almost entirely silted up again.

They are currently on a 12 month cleaning schedule, however the levels of silt in them suggests this is not frequent enough.

Can I request that the cleaning schedule is increase to 6 monthly as this frequency of cleaning can happen where required?



Response:

The County-wide gully cleaning programme is under continual review, normally annually, to optimise the current gully cleaning resources available.

This optimisation process reviews the on-going data collected as part of the cleansing programme. This data includes the levels of silt recorded in gullies prior to cleaning. The analysis of this data is used to collate the conditions of the gullies between cleans and then to modify the frequencies of gully cleans accordingly.

Silt levels are calculated on an average for the whole road, if there are individual isolated areas that are prone to higher silt and require more regular adhoc cleaning this needs to be reported as a blocked gully through the SCC website using the following link;

Report blocked drains

Following the latest optimisation review, Church Hill has been identified as requiring 6 monthly cleans under the next programme.

Contact Officer: highways@surreycc.gov.uk