

Second dispatch – petition responses

Cabinet Member for Transport & Infrastructure Decisions



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Cabinet Member
Matt Furniss

SECOND DIPATCH – petition responses

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Joanna Killian
Chief Executive

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PETITION: SAFE A22 CROSSING POINT FOR CARLTON ROAD/DANEMORE LANE BRIDLEWAY USERS INCLUDING CHILDREN ACCESSING DAILY SCHOOL BUS SERVICES**Statement:**

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to create a safe crossing-point where the well-used bridleway running along Carlton Road and Danemore Lane crosses the A22, just north of Blindley Heath. The presence of a bridleway and the regular daily use by children, adults, horse-riders and cyclists demonstrate that between Carlton Road and Danemore Lane there is an established A22 crossing-point. However, there are no road markings or street furniture to support those crossing. Crossing the busy, fast A22 at this established crossing-point is patently dangerous. There are bus stops on either side of the road and adults and children risk injury daily to access bus services including school buses. We petition SCC to assess measures including but not limited to - installing a pedestrian-controlled crossing - reducing the A22 speed limit between north of Tilburstow Hill Road and Byers Lane - installing signage to warn motorists of the hazard ahead and to create without delay a safe crossing point.

Justification:

The established crossing-point is on a bend in the A22 with restricted visibility. Traffic is fast, frequent-to-constant and unforgiving. There are frequent road traffic accidents at this location as confirmed in SCC's response dated 13/07/2021 to Tandridge planning application TA/21/0272. There is significant risk of injury and death to those crossing.

School children cross daily to access bespoke school bus services to Oxted School and other bus services to other schools. It is common for school children try to cross and to find themselves stranded in the middle of the A22 without protection.

Carlton Road and Danemore Lane provide access to homes, farms and equestrian properties and horse-riders and local cyclists regularly use the crossing-point as an integral part of the bridleway.

Installing a safe A22 crossing-point between Carlton Road and Danemore Lane would create a safe route to school for local children by enabling them to access bus services without risk. It would promote reduction in car use by enabling an elderly local population to access buses throughout the day. It would promote equestrian access to stables and the bridleway network on both sides of the A22 and reduce risks to cyclists.

Mitigating excessive traffic speeds on the restricted-visibility bend in question would reduce risks to motorists of road traffic accidents with vehicles entering and emerging from Tilburstow Hill Road.

A safe crossing-point between Carlton Road and Danemore Lane would not impact A22 traffic throughput since there are in any case lower speed-limit bottlenecks both north and south of the location in question, in the villages of South Godstone and Blindley Heath respectively. Encouraging consistent, lower traffic speeds on the A22 between these villages would bring the environmental advantages associated with less fuel usage and make the road safer and less noisy for residents living on the A22.

Submitted by: Tony Campion
Signatures: 385

Response:

The A22 is a principal road that runs north/south through Surrey. Danemore Lane is a private road on the eastern side of the A22, it has a public footpath over its entire length, and provides access to approximately 25 properties. Carlton Road is a private road on the west side of the A22 which provides access to a large number of properties and has a public bridleway over its entire length. The Tilburstow Hill Road junction with the A22 is approximately 15m north of the junction with Carlton Road. Tilburstow Hill Road is a D-Class road linking the A22 to the B2236 High Street in Godstone. Tilburstow Hill Road also provides access to Lamb Business Park.

The A22 at the junction with Carlton Road and Danemore Lane is subject to a 40mph speed limit. There are nearby bus stops on both sides of the road. Due to the layout of the pavement, pedestrians do cross in this location. To help warn drivers, "Pedestrians crossing ahead" and "accompanied horses likely to be in the road ahead" signs have been installed. There are no plans to install a formal crossing.

The existing speed limit is 40mph. All injury accidents reported to the Police are recorded on a database. This has confirmed that in the last complete 3-year period, there were four injury accidents, but none involving pedestrians or horse riders. This section of road was last benefited from speed surveys in October 2016. One set of survey equipment was attached to the direction sign on the A22 approximately 150m south of the junction with Carlton Road. The average mean speeds recorded by that survey were 39mph in each direction. These results show good compliance with the 40mph speed limit but would not support our policy for introducing a 30mph limit without additional engineering measures. Taking account both measured speeds and the collision history, this section of the A22 in the vicinity of the Danemore Lane, Carlton Road and Tilburstow Hill Road junctions would not be a priority for improvement works.

Surrey County Council has identified the need for a scheme to be carried out on the A22 at the junction with Tilburstow Hill Road, which is just to the north of the Carlton Road and Danemore Lane junctions. This junction has an acute radius which makes it difficult for vehicles, especially large vehicles from Lamb's Business park, to turn left out of Tilburstow Hill Road on to the A22. The Tandridge Local Transport Strategy contains a forward programme of transport infrastructure that Surrey would like to see implemented in Tandridge, subject to funding. Improvements at this junction are included in that forward programme. The forward programme can be downloaded from the web page using the following link:

[Tandridge-LTS-December-2014-Forward-Programme.pdf \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/transport/tandridge-local-transport-strategy/forward-programme)

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PETITION: PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLISTS CROSSING POINT ON A23 BETWEEN EARLSWOOD LAKES AND ASYLUM ARCH ROAD AND DEFINED CYCLE ROUTE INTO HEART OF EARLSWOOD STATEMENT:Statement:

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to Create a pedestrian/cyclist crossing over the A23 between Earlswood Lakes and Asylum Arch Road and define a clear cycle path between the Earlswood Lakes and into the heart of Earlswood around Brambletye Park Road/Emlyn Road.

Justification:

Earlswood Lakes is a place many people enjoy. You can walk your dog, play football, have a picnic, feed the ducks, run, build dens and much more. However, by the A23/Asylum Arch Road it is hard to cross because there are no lights nor a Zebra Crossing. There is one crossing further up on A23, but that takes a while to walk to. Many people therefore drive to Earlswood Lakes from Earlswood and that isn't good for the planet or the local area. Also, if there was a crossing, more people might walk or cycle into work and school in Earlswood, which would also help for cleaner air and safer roads. If you would like to petition the council for a crossing and cycle route into Earlswood from the lakes, across the A23, then please sign this petition.

Submitted by: NIALL MacGregor

Signatures: 176

Response:

The A23 is a principal road that runs in a north/south direction through Surrey. Asylum Arch Road is a private road that runs in an east/west direction from Princes Road to the A23 Horley Road, going under the London to Brighton railway line. There is a public footpath over that part of Asylum Arch Road between Princes Road and a point approximately 20m west of the railway bridge, at this point the footpath goes north across Earlswood Common and does not extend further along Asylum Arch Road to the junction with the A23.

The land to the east of Horley Road between Horley Road and the railway line is common land known as Earlswood Common and is managed by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. The common land does not extend over the carriageway of Asylum Arch Road but goes up to the edge of the road on both sides. There are no recorded public rights on that section of Asylum Arch Road from the public footpath which turns to the north and goes across Earlswood Common approximately 20m west of the railway bridge and the A23 Horley Road, however it is acknowledged that the public use this. There is a pavement on the west side of Horley Road at the junction with Asylum Arch Road, but not on the east side.

The petitioner is requesting either a zebra crossing, or a traffic light-controlled crossing is provided on the A23 Horley Road to make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the A23 Horley Road between Asylum Arch Road and Earlswood Common.

The speed limit on the A23 Horley Road is 40mph. Department of Transport guidelines on the construction of zebra crossings are that such crossings should not be installed on roads

with a 40mph speed limit and above. This is because the vehicle approach speeds to the zebra crossing are too high for drivers to safely anticipate a pedestrian stepping on to the crossing and to be able to safely stop.

In order to provide a traffic light-controlled push button crossing, it would be necessary to provide an area of pavement on the east side of the A23 Horley Road for people to wait in order to cross the road. There is no highway land to construct this pavement, which would need to be constructed on the common land managed by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. It would be necessary for Reigate & Banstead Borough Council to dedicate land as highway for a pavement. In addition, in line with common land regulations it may be necessary to provide land in exchange for the common land where the pavement is constructed, and unfortunately there is no available land that could be used as exchange land. Therefore, there are complex land and legal issues to be resolved before a crossing could be constructed, and it may well not be possible to overcome.

There are existing “pedestrians in the road” warning signs on the A23 Horley Road to the north and south of Asylum Arch Road. The sign to the south is obscured by vegetation and arrangements are being made for this to be cut back.

There is a National Cycle Network route that runs over the section of Asylum Arch Road between the junction of Princes Road and the railway bridge, at this point the route turns to the south and runs along the eastern edge of the railway embankment. Cyclists currently do not have a right to use Asylum Arch Road between the railway line and the A23 Horley Road. It is assumed that Reigate & Banstead Borough Council own this section of Asylum Arch Road as they own the land on either side.

There is not currently a route that cyclists have a right to use between the A23 Horley Road and Earlswood Lakes. There is a byelaw on Earlswood Common which prohibits cycling, Earlswood Common is managed by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. If Reigate & Banstead Borough Council revoked the byelaw and dedicated land across the Earlswood Common to allow cycling there would still be issues constructing a cycle route. This is due to common land regulations, which may still require land to be provided in exchange for the common land over which the cycle route would run.

Therefore, Surrey County Council are unfortunately not in a position to provide a cycle route across Earlswood Common as is requested, as the necessary land is not within the control of the County Council. Officers will contact Reigate & Banstead Borough Council to request that they consider the viability of permitting cyclists to use the land they manage at this location.

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