

## Notice of Meeting

# Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth Decisions



### Date and Time

Tuesday, 23 April  
2024  
12:30 pm

### Place

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Reigate

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**Cabinet Member:**  
Matt Furniss

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## AGENDA

### 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter

- i. Any disclosable pecuniary interests and / or
- ii. Other interests arising under the Code of Conduct in respect of any item(s) of business being considered at this meeting

#### NOTES:

- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest
- As well as an interest of the Member, this includes any interest, of which the Member is aware, that relates to the Member's spouse or civil partner (or any person with whom the Member is living as a spouse or civil partner)
- Members with a significant personal interest may participate in the discussion and vote on that matter unless that interest could be reasonably regarded as prejudicial.

### 2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

#### a MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

The deadline for Members' questions is 12pm four working days before the meeting (17 April 2024).

#### b PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (16 April 2024).

### 3 PETITION: MARK DISABLED PARKING SPACE AND 4 PARKING SPACES FOR MAXIMUM USE OF 30 MINUTES OUTSIDE OF 18-20 BUCKLAND ROAD

(Pages  
5 - 6)

One petition has been received requesting Surrey County Council to mark a disabled parking space and 4 separate parking spaces for maximum use of 30 minutes outside of 18-20 Buckland Road (Kingswood News).

223 people signed this petition.

Full details and the petition response are attached.

**4 PETITION: TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON CRAWLEY RIDGE** (Pages 7 - 10)

One petition has been received requesting Surrey County Council to put traffic calming measures in place to prevent motorists travelling at speed along the road outside Crawley Ridge Infant and Junior Schools,

147 people signed this petition.

Full details and the petition response are attached.

**Leigh Whitehouse**  
**Interim Chief Executive**  
Published: 15 April 2024

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## **QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

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### **Please note the following regarding questions from the public:**

1. Members of the public can submit one written question to a meeting by the deadline stated in the agenda. Questions should relate to general policy and not to detail. Questions are asked and answered in public and cannot relate to “confidential” or “exempt” matters (for example, personal or financial details of an individual); for further advice please contact the committee manager listed on the front page of an agenda.
2. The number of public questions which can be asked at a meeting may not exceed six. Questions which are received after the first six will be held over to the following meeting or dealt with in writing at the Chairman’s discretion.
3. Questions will be taken in the order in which they are received.
4. Questions will be asked and answered without discussion. The Chairman or Cabinet members may decline to answer a question, provide a written reply or nominate another Member to answer the question.
5. Following the initial reply, one supplementary question may be asked by the questioner. The Chairman or Cabinet members may decline to answer a supplementary question.

23 April 2024

**TITLE: MARK DISABLED PARKING SPACE AND 4 PARKING SPACES FOR MAXIMUM USE OF 30 MINUTES OUTSIDE OF 18-20 BUCKLAND ROAD**

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to mark a disabled parking space and 4 separate parking spaces for maximum use of 30 minutes outside of 18-20 Buckland Road (Kingswood News).

**Justification:**

Petition for 5 parking spaces to be allocated (1 disabled and 4 normal for maximum use of 30 minutes) outside of 18-20 Buckland Road (Kingswood Post Office). The reason for this is that the shop is visited by many elderly customers that cannot walk long distances, and therefore need to park close to the shop for access purposes.

Submitted by: Juley Hutchinson - 223 signatures

**RESPONSE:**

In order to introduce any formal parking controls, whether waiting restrictions (indicated by yellow lines) or any sort of parking bay, which restricts either the use of the bay to certain users or the time that people can park in it, the county council has to make a traffic regulation order in order to provide a legal framework for the installation of the controls and allow for enforcement against people who do not adhere to the restriction. Because of the time and costs involved in making a traffic regulation order, it is not reasonable or practical for the council to introduce new parking controls at single locations in isolation, but instead it introduces new controls at many locations at the same time by way of a parking review. There is information about the parking review process on our website ([The parking review process - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)), where it explains that we consider what new parking controls should be introduced across the whole of each borough or district in turn on a rolling programme. The parking project team have therefore added this request for a formal disabled parking bay and additional time limited bays outside the post office in Buckland Road to the list of sites for possible new parking controls that will be considered in the next parking review in Reigate & Banstead that is due to start in September this year.

As well as formal disabled parking bays, the county council also installs advisory ones. These are just marked out on the road and not accompanied by a sign, which means that if a vehicle is parked in them without a blue badge on display, no enforcement action can be taken, but experience has shown that most people respect the bays and leave them for the use of blue badge holders. Because the parking review process takes quite a long time to complete and so any formal bays would not be likely to be introduced before mid to late 2025, the parking project team will look to introduce an advisory bay in the meantime, probably towards the end of the summer this year, with the aim of enabling blue badge holders to be more likely to be able to find somewhere to park outside the post office.

**Councillor Matt Furniss  
Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth  
23 April 2024**

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23 April 2024

**TITLE: TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON CRAWLEY RIDGE**

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to put traffic calming measures in place to prevent motorists travelling at speed along the road outside Crawley Ridge Infant and Junior Schools.

**Justification:**

Crawley Ridge runs past an Infant and a Junior school as well as numerous residences and a church. The road is used as a cut through to avoid the Ravenswood roundabout at busy times which leads to cars, vans and trucks travelling quickly through the congestion of school pick up and drop off times.

Additionally, cars speed down the lines of parked cars to get to passing places. The pavements are narrow on Crawley Ridge and speeding vehicles pose a threat to children and their carers walking home or back to their cars. Reducing speeds along the road would make it less attractive as a cut through and would make the whole area safer for residents and the school community.

Submitted by: Sue Knight – 147 signatures

**RESPONSE:**

Concerns have previously been raised about vehicles speeds and road safety in Crawley Ridge. It is therefore an existing site on the Surrey Heath speed management plan. In addition, it has been subject to a Road Safety Outside Schools Assessment due to concerns being raised specifically about safety near the schools. Details of the assessments undertaken are given below.

**Surrey Heath Speed Management Plan**

We are very aware that vehicle speeds and road safety are a significant worry for many residents. Working in partnership with Surrey Police we have therefore developed a process for investigating and tackling concerns over speeding. As part of this process, local speed management plans have been developed for each District and Borough to help us prioritise our resources at the locations with the greatest problems.

Crawley Ridge is an existing site on the Surrey Heath speed management plan and several speed surveys have been undertaken. The latest surveys were undertaken in June 2022. A survey was undertaken outside the schools (7 - 21 June) and another was carried out near the junction with Frimley Hall Drive (7 – 10 June). Both surveys recorded an average vehicle speed of 28mph. This indicates a relatively good level of compliance with the speed limit compared to many other sites on the speed management plan.

Crawley Ridge has a relatively good safety record, with one personal injury collision having occurred in the road during the 10-year period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2023 (latest available data). This collision involved a 9-year-old child receiving slight injuries. The circumstances appear to have been exceptional and it is likely the collision would still have occurred even if there were traffic calming measures in place at the time.

Unfortunately, there are many other sites on the speed management plan that have both a much lower level of compliance with the speed limit and a much poorer safety record. As such, Crawley Ridge is not a site that is currently prioritised for any action.

## **Road Safety Outside Schools**

The county council's "Road Safety Outside Schools" policy sets out our process for investigating and responding to concerns raised about safety outside schools. The policy is available on our website at the following page.

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

The process involves officers from the county council and Surrey Police undertaking a site visit and carrying out a risk assessment for the area immediately outside the school. Other nearby points of concern on the journey to the school may be assessed too if necessary. The assessment includes an analysis of collisions, speeds, and can include the views of the school and comments from road users. The existing road conditions, signing and highway infrastructure are also checked and noted.

Following the assessment, a report is presented to the school and local County Councillor containing the findings of the assessment and any recommendations for tackling concerns identified.

In response to concerns raised previously, an assessment was undertaken for Crawley Ridge Infant and Junior Schools on 22 November 2022. It was noted during this assessment that, other than for short sections at either end of Crawley Ridge, there is only a pavement on one side of the road, which results in far fewer pedestrian crossing movements. Therefore, whilst slower vehicle speeds are always a good thing, especially outside schools, it was assessed that the imperative to achieve lower speeds was lower at this site in comparison to other school sites where there are lots of pedestrian crossing movements. This is part of the reason that traffic calming and a lower speed limit were not proposed as part of the Road Safety Outside Schools assessment. The assessment however did recommend the introduction of a school keep clear marking outside the northeastern most gate to the Infant school (where there is evidence of a marking having previously existed). In addition, it recommended the road markings for the existing school keep clears for the schools should be refreshed and the associated signing cleaned and realigned.

Since the assessment took place, the existing school keep clear markings and double yellows have been refreshed. In addition, new signs have been installed and the existing signs have been cleaned and realigned.

The recommended introduction of the new school keep clear marking is included as part of the 2023 Surrey Heath parking review proposals due to be advertised in the summer 2024. (Although there was previously a marking at the location, it is not covered by a traffic regulation order and therefore was unenforceable. A new proposal is therefore having to be advertised to enable an enforceable school keep clear marking to be introduced).

## **Potential Funding Sources for Highway Improvements outside Schools**

There are several different funding sources that are potentially available for implementing highway improvement measures near schools such as those requested by the petition. However, proposals are generally funded by either the central budget for Road Safety Outside Schools schemes or the central budget for Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS).

In July 2022, the County Council announced additional funding of £1million per year for three years for investment in highway improvements that have been developed following Road Safety Outside School assessments in previous years. The £3 million funding is fully committed for school safety schemes up until 2025/26. At present all requests received for safety improvements outside schools, will be added on to a list to be considered for prioritisation when additional funding becomes available.

In addition to the Road Safety Outside Schools programme, we deliver an annual ITS programme (which consists of highway improvement measures such as traffic calming schemes, new pedestrian crossings, small scale junction improvements, cycle improvements etc). This is a central programme, and each county councillor can nominate one scheme for their division to be considered for inclusion



in the programme. The nominated schemes are then prioritised by assessing them against a series of criteria.

County Councillors are currently in the process of nominating proposals to be assessed for inclusion in the 2025/26 ITS programme. In response to the concerns raised by the petition, the County Councillor for Camberley East is proposing to put forward a scheme to introduce traffic calming measures in Crawley Ridge as their nomination. The proposed scheme would also consider the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit.

Following assessment of the nominated schemes it is anticipated that a report on the proposed Countywide ITS programme for 2025/26 will be taken to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth for decision in September 2024.

**Councillor Matt Furniss**  
**Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth**  
**23 April 2024**

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