

Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth

17 December 2024

PETITION TITLE: Traffic lights outside West Byfleet Infant and Junior schools on busy Camphill Road**Statement:**

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to install a traffic light pedestrian crossing at the existing crossing on Camphill Road, next to West Byfleet Infant School and West Byfleet Junior School. We also request increased signage indicating that vehicles are approaching a school site. This will ensure traffic slows down from both directions and will enforce that vehicles stop and follow the Highway Code.

Justification:

We feel this request is vital as soon as possible because of many recent instances of near misses (with video footage), previous accidents having happened and the constant concern that a serious accident may happen soon.

The crossing is dangerous and needs upgrading because:

- * the zebra crossing markings are extremely faded
- * the beacon lights are not working (one does not flash at all)
- * there is limited signage across the school sites for the public to alert drivers on their approach
- * there are hardly any speed limit signs along Camphill Road so drivers exceed the 30mph limit regularly.
- * some drivers assume the crossing is just another speed hump.

A zebra crossing is not sufficient for the volume of cars especially during school drop off and pick up. We request the immediate upgrade of this crossing to traffic light provision to protect our children and parents on what should be a safe crossing for school.

Thank you for listening.

Submitted by: Celia Ford

Signatures: 127

Response:

Many thanks for highlighting your concerns over road safety on this stretch of road. School road safety is a frequently expressed issue at school drop off and pick up times. We are sympathetic to these concerns and have developed a policy which describes the process we will use for investigating and responding to school road safety problems. Our aim is to reduce the risk of collisions, to make the road feel safer, and to encourage more people to consider walking or cycling to and from school. The policy can be viewed via this link: [Road safety outside schools - Surrey County Council](#)

Road safety education and training for children is just as important as improving the infrastructure for road users outside schools. Schools and parents have a vital role to play in child pedestrian and cycle training and encouraging responsible attitudes to using motor vehicles as children grow older. Therefore, an assessment of the road safety education

provided within a school will always be undertaken alongside an assessment of the road safety situation outside the school gate. The county council provide a range of resources for delivering road safety education and training that can be viewed here: [Road safety and sustainable travel for schools - Surrey County Council](#)

Consequently, at the time of writing a site visit has been scheduled to take place during a school journey time in December. This will include road safety and highway specialists from the county council and police, with representatives from the school and the local County Councillor invited to attend too.

The output will be a report with recommendations for infrastructure improvements that could be considered (subject to future funding being available), along with recommendations for any initiatives that the school could undertake to improve road safety education and training.

The maintenance issues highlighted in the petition (namely the faded white lining and the defective Belisha Beacons) have been passed onto our maintenance colleagues and were rectified during the week beginning 2 December. Henceforth residents can report such issues using the county council's [fixmystreet](#) reporting system.

Surrey Police can act if there is evidence of driving offences captured by video. These can be reported and accompanying video can be uploaded via the following link: [Making a road traffic incident report | Surrey Police](#)

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