

Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport & Economic Growth Decisions

17 December 2024

PETITION TITLE: Speed restriction and traffic calming measures South Nutfield**Statement:**

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to introduce traffic and speed calming measures in South Nutfield to protect the residents of Nutfield and our community. We have serious and long standing concerns regarding speeding and erratic driving / poor parking in the village of South Nutfield, with particular concern for Kings Cross Lane, near Christ Church, and Mid Street where the local School, Nutfield Church Primary, is located. We would like to open up a dialogue with you to discuss speed calming measures that we, as a community, collectively know are needed to ensure the safety of the local school children, parishioners and members of the local community. We are seeing a continued issue with speeding and dangerous driving / parking throughout the village and there have been a number of near misses with children coming out of Christ Church and from the primary school. Another regular hotspot for accidents and near misses is on the junction of Kings Cross Lane and Kings Mill Lane / Bower Hill Lane.

Justification:

We would like to see safety and calming measures put in place to protect the residents of Nutfield and our community and would suggest some traffic calming measures such as:
Suggested calming measures:

- Speed bumps along Mid Street and Kings Cross Lane
- 20 mile per hour speed limit in the village with 15 mile per hour speed limit outside the school
- Pedestrian crossing outside the school
- "SLOW" markings on the roads / SLOW signs (LED sign)
- Speed camera along Kings Cross Lane
- One way priority
- Double yellow lines on the junction of The Avenue and Kings Cross Lane to prevent parking close to the junction

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t is only a matter of time before a child or member of the community is seriously hurt or killed in an accident and we feel it is unacceptable to wait for this to happen before something is done about these issues.

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Signatures: 172

RESPONSE:

Thank you for sharing the results of the petition for speed calming measures and pedestrian crossing improvements in South Nutfield.

South Nutfield is a village located to the south of the A25 and east of the M23. Kings Cross Lane is D-Class road that runs east-west through the village, with the majority of the properties within South Nutfield located on the north side this road. Christ Church is located on the south side of Kings Cross Lane along with Queens Court (a small housing

development) and a row of properties to the east of the junction with Crab Hill Lane. Mid Street runs north-south through the village, it has the local primary school, entrance to mid-street recreation ground, local shop/post office. There is a narrow railway bridge on Mid Street which is only sufficiently wide enough for one-way working and therefore has a priority give-way system in place, however this is the only formal traffic calming measure on Mid Street.

Both Mid Street and Kings Cross Lane have a 30mph speed limit in place within South Nutfield. Although street lighting is present on both Mid Street and Kings Cross Lane, it is not regularly spaced and therefore 30mph repeater signs are in place on both roads.

It is acknowledged that residents are concerned about the speed of traffic and road safety on Kings Cross Lane and Mid Street as well as at the Kings Cross Lane/Kings Mill Lane/Bower Hill Lane. There are many more requests to reduce speed limits, install pedestrian crossings and/or traffic calming measures on roads throughout the County, than it is possible to achieve in any given year, and therefore these schemes have to be prioritised. The roads which have a history of personal injury collisions, where speed is a contributory factor in those collisions are to be considered first.

An assessment of the personal injury collision data provided by Surrey Police, has been carried out on Mid Street and Kings Cross Lane which shows that there has been one personal injury collision on Mid Street and one personal injury collision on Kings Cross Lane during the most recent 3-year period for which data is available (from 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2024). However, Surrey Police did not record vehicle speed as a contributory factor in the cause of these collisions. An assessment of the personal injury collision data provided by Surrey Police also shows that no personal injury collisions were recorded at the Kings Cross Lane/Kings Mill Lane/Bower Hill Lane during this 3-year period.

Although any one collision is one too many, this does not represent a very large problem in terms of road casualties compared to many other sites across Surrey. Summary data on collisions is available to view on the national website www.crashmap.co.uk.

Irrespective of the number of collisions resulting in injury, we are sympathetic to the concerns over vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety, particularly near to Nutfield Church of England Primary School.

Surrey County Council's new 20mph Speed Limit Policy "Vision Zero Road Safety Strategy 2024-2035" advises that if the recorded measured mean speeds are at or below 24mph a successful 20mph speed limit could be installed using a Traffic Regulation Order and signs alone. If recorded measured mean speeds are between 25mph - 28mph then "light touch" supporting measures will be required to ensure that vehicle speeds are reduced successfully. These could consist of (but not limited to), additional speed limit carriageway roundels, electronic vehicle activated signs and enhanced speed limit gateways. However, if the measured mean speeds are above 28mph supporting engineering measures, such as traffic calming, would need to be installed to achieve vehicle speeds close enough to 20mph in these roads. There is currently no up to date speed survey data available for Mid Street or Kings Cross Lane.

However, currently each year Local County Councillors have a small amount of funding available to them to allocate towards small scale schemes, such as carrying out speed surveys and the installation of reduced speed limits, using signs alone, to address local road safety concerns. The first step would be to carry out surveys to investigate further the

possibility of installing a 20mph speed limit using signs alone on Mid Street and Kings Cross Lane. If the surveys show that traffic calming measures would be needed to achieve a 20mph speed limit, your County Councillor could choose to promote a 20mph/traffic calming scheme for possible future prioritisation for funding and delivery.

This location has been added to the list for future speed surveys to be carried out in March 2025 (when weather conditions improve and vehicle speeds are more accurately recorded), to assess the feasible measures that need to be installed to support a 20mph speed limit. This will then help assess the level of funding required to install a successful 20mph speed limit. The results of the surveys will be shared with your County Councillor and their consideration given to whether this scheme could be prioritised for taking forward within the limited resources and funding available.

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