

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)****DATE: 13 DECEMBER 2013****LEAD OFFICER: JOHN LAWLOR, AREA TEAM MANAGER****SUBJECT: SUCCOMBS HILL & BUG HILL, WARLINGHAM
WIDTH RESTRICTION ORDERS****DIVISION: CATERHAM VALLEY
WARLINGHAM****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Warlingham Parish Council has raised concerns with the local Divisional Member for Warlingham about the use of Succombs Hill and Bug Hill by Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) in contravention of the existing width restriction orders.

Both Succombs Hill and Bug Hill are the subject of width restriction orders which restrict their use by vehicles wider than 6'6". The orders provide exemption for access to allow properties to receive deliveries etc. The existing signing of Succombs Hill does not reflect the width restriction order meaning that the restriction cannot currently be enforced by the police. There are inadequate arrangements in place to enable southbound HGVs to avoid the existing width restriction in Bug Hill.

This report seeks approval to put the necessary width restriction orders in place to restrict the width of vehicles using Succombs Hill and Bug Hill, extending the existing restriction to include three additional roads.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to agree:**

- (i) To prohibit vehicles wider than 6'6" from using the roads shown in Annexes 1 and 2, except for access;
- (ii) To authorise the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to prohibit vehicles wider than 6'6" from using the roads shown in Annexes 1 and 2, except for access and subject to no objections being upheld, the Order be made; and
- (iii) To authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the local Divisional Member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To provide improved arrangements for the routing of HGVs between the A22 and Warlingham.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Following concerns raised by Warlingham Parish Council with the local Divisional Member regarding the use of Succombs Hill and Bug Hill by Heavy Goods Vehicles in contravention of the existing 6' 6" width restrictions, officers were asked to investigate what could be done to minimise problems with large vehicles using these roads.
- 1.2 The existing Traffic Regulation Order restricting the width of vehicles using Succombs Hill runs from Narrow Lane to Court Bushes Road.
- 1.3 The existing Traffic Regulation Order restricting the width of vehicles using Bug Hill runs from Woldingham Road to Tydcombe Road
- 1.4 The existing Traffic Regulation Orders restricting the width of vehicles using Succombs Hill and Bug Hill to 6'6" or less are except for access. This allows for refuse collection, deliveries etc to properties.
- 1.5 Location plans showing the extent of the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are given in Annexes 1 and 2.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The current signing of the Succombs Hill width restriction indicates incorrectly that the restriction starts at Wapses Lodge Roundabout. For the police to enforce the width restriction order the signs need to be placed correctly in accordance with the order.
- 2.2 The existing width restriction order on Bug Hill does not provide sufficient opportunity for vehicles to reroute. HGVs travelling south along Leas Road reach the width restriction signs on Bug Hill and to comply with the order, either have to turn into Tydcombe Road, which is private, or reverse.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 OPTION 1

The existing width restriction order on Succombs Hill is extended to Wapses Lodge roundabout and that Court Bushes Road and Johns Walk, a cul-de-sac off Court Bushes Road, are included in the order, as shown in Annex 1.

The presence of positive lorry route signing makes it more straightforward for the police to enforce width restriction orders. The signs consist of a white lorry on a black background, together with appropriate arrows and destinations. Therefore it is proposed to install lorry route signing on the A22 Godstone Road and B270 Hillbury Road between Wapses Lodge roundabout and Warlingham Green.

3.2 OPTION 2

The existing width restriction order on Bug Hill is extended to include that section of Leas Road between Bug Hill and Redvers Road, as shown in Annex 2.

3.3 OPTION 3

The existing width restriction orders on Succombs Hill and Bug Hill remain unchanged.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Surrey Police have been consulted on the proposed extension to the width restriction orders and have confirmed their support for options 1 and 2. As part of the consultation the police have made observations about the location of signs which will be taken into account at the design stage.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The cost of changing any width restriction order includes legal advertisement costs associated with the statutory process, together with the costs of design and implementation.

5.2 The cost of making and amending the existing width restriction orders and installing the necessary signing will be in the region of £10,000.

5.3 Tandridge Local Committee's forward programme for 2014/15 is the subject of a separate report on this agenda. Allocation of funding is suggested to enable the making of amendments to the existing width restrictions in Succombs Hill and Bug Hill.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The Highway Service is mindful of its needs within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The Highway Service is mindful of the localism agenda, and the wishes of the local community have been taken into account when writing this report.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

A well-managed highway network can reduce fear of crime. The making of this order will allow the police the opportunity to enforce the existing on site arrangements.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The existing width restriction signs at Succombs Hill are not supported by the appropriate width restriction order. It is recommended that Option 1 as shown in Annex 1 is implemented to extend the existing width restriction on Succombs Hill and ensure that it can be enforced by the Police.

9.2 There are not adequate arrangements in place to enable southbound HGVs to avoid the existing width restriction in Bug Hill. It is recommended that Option 2 as shown in Annex 2 is implemented to extend the existing width restriction on Bug Hill to ensure that HGVs can take a suitable alternative route.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Subject to funding being allocated the proposal to make a Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised and, subject to there being no objections, the order will be made. Following the making of the order the contractor is instructed to install the necessary signing to include appropriate regulatory signs, advance warning signs and positive lorry route signing.

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Consulted:

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Annexes:

Annex 1 - Plan showing existing and proposed width restriction order for Succombs Hill

Annex 2 - Plan showing existing and proposed width restriction order for Bug Hill

Sources/background papers:

- Existing Traffic Regulation Order for Bug Hill
 - Existing Traffic Regulation Order for Succombs Hill
 - Surrey Police response to consultation.
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