

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

DATE: 13 DECEMBER 2013
SUBJECT: FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS
DIVISION: CATERHAM VALLEY



1. Creation of a one-way system up Station Rd and down Station Approach, Whyteleafe – Whyteleafe Village Council

“Whyteleafe Village Council, in conjunction with local residents, would like the Local Committee to commission a feasibility study into the creation of a one-way system up Station Road and down Station Approach in Whyteleafe. In light of the heavy volume of vehicular traffic and very high numbers of pedestrians on roads that not only serve residents, a doctor’s surgery, a taxi office, businesses, two car parks including the recently expanded facility at Upper Warlingham Station and where the Village Council has growing concerns about road safety (particularly for pedestrians), access (turning right at the bottom of Station Road and into and out of the Station area) and congestion (caused by the current two-way traffic direction and narrow roads), is this a project the Local Committee would be willing to initiate?”

Response:

There are a number of factors to be taken into account when considering the introduction of one-way systems. Experience has shown that the introduction of one-way working tends to increase vehicle speeds as drivers know that they will not meet on-coming vehicles. One-way working also impacts on local residents as their access is restricted, resulting in increased journey times. With all traffic being required to enter and leave the area in the same direction, residents can also experience increased traffic flows outside their properties. It should be noted that one-way working can only be introduced through the making of a Traffic Regulation Order.

A feasibility study would consider the impact of introducing one-way working on traffic flows and road safety. Consideration would need to be given to making the restriction self-enforcing, which is usually achieved through changes to the existing kerb-lines at key locations to deter drivers from driving against the one-way flow. Consultation would be carried out with local residents directly affected by the proposal, the Police, and the Fire and Ambulance services.

It is proposed that the South East Area Team carry out a feasibility study to assess if a one-way system in Station Road and Station Approach could be introduced and if it would be acceptable to local residents. This study would be programmed to be carried out during 2014/15. There is no funding allocated at the present time to progress a scheme to detailed design or implementation. If the feasibility study recommended that one-way working be introduced, the Local Committee could allocate funding to progress the scheme in 2015/16.

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