

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 4 DECEMBER 2013

LEAD OFFICER: VICTORIA JEFFREY, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITTEE OFFICER

SUBJECT: PETITIONS

DIVISION: MOLE VALLEY



### Faurefold, Milton Street, Westcott

**This petition of 29 signatures was submitted by Mr Moss**

The Milton Street Residents Association has presented a petition regarding the positioning of a direction sign to Faurefold, a Girl Guide camp. The sign has been installed on the southern verge of the A25 close to the junction with Milton Street.

#### **Response from SCC Highways Team:**

Surrey County Council was approached by the Girl Guiding Association with a request for a direction sign to Faurefold Girl Guide Camp in Westcott. Surrey County Council Highways are currently following a decluttering programme in line with Department for Transport Guidelines This is to ensure that road users are not distracted from important information by unnecessary signs, to reduce visual intrusion and to minimise maintenance costs. As a result requests for all new signs are very carefully considered.

Faurefold is accessed from Lince Lane, which is a narrow unmade track leading north from the A25 opposite Milton Street. It was considered appropriate to install a small direction sign to Faurefold Guide Camp as many parents of guides and brownies driving to the camp were not from the local area and were having difficulty finding the camp.. The supply and installation of the sign was funded by the Girl Guiding Association.

The sign was sited on the A25 verge adjacent to Milton Street, pointing north across the A25 to Lince Lane. It was positioned following careful consideration to be visible for both eastbound and westbound traffic travelling along the A25.

Following the installation of the sign Surrey County Council was contacted by residents of Milton Street who were unhappy that the sign had been installed, and were concerned that it obscured sightlines. A Highway Engineer visited the site and noted that the post, but not the sign plate, was in the sightline of drivers looking left when waiting to turn right out of Milton Street. The post is 76mm in diameter and it easily possible to see both sides of the post.

The photograph overleaf is taken from a vehicle waiting to turn out of Milton Street onto the A25.



There are no current plans to reposition this sign as requested by the Milton Street Residents Association.

*MVLC 4 December 2013*