

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)****DATE:** 3 JULY 2014**LEAD OFFICER:** REBECCA HARRISON**SUBJECT:** PETITION RESPONSE – ROADS SAFETY OUTSIDE
CORDWALLES SCHOOL**DIVISION:** CAMBERLEY EAST**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) received a petition at its meeting on 13 March 2014 concerning road safety outside Cordwalles school.

The petition stated "We, the parents, residents and concerned members of this community are urging the Council to assess the lack of road safety measures outside Cordwalles Junior School, Berkshire Road, Camberley. It is becoming increasingly dangerous for our children making their daily journeys to and from school. It is indeed an accident waiting to happen. Therefore we would like the council to implement improved road safety to provide our school children with the safer environment they deserve."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to:

- (i) note the report
- (ii) note that a further and more detailed assessment report will be submitted to the next meeting

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

As part of the draft Road Safety Outside Schools Policy the county council's Community Engagement Team are leading a process to investigate concerns over road safety outside Cordwalles school.

1. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 The county council's local highways engineers, road safety engineering specialists and Police road safety colleagues have been out to conduct a site assessment as part of the draft policy.
- 1.2 This includes detailed casualty analysis, speed surveys and perceptions of problems outside the school gate.
- 1.3 This will result in a report containing options, where possible, to tackle the concerns that are raised in the petition above. The local committee will then decide whether to allocate money from their budget on any improvements depending upon the extent of the problem, the estimated costs and the funds available.
- 1.4 This report will be submitted for the next Surrey Heath local committee.
- 1.5 Schools and parents have a responsibility to provide road safety education and training.
- 1.6 Road safety education and training for children is just as important as improving the safety for road users outside schools.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 An assessment of the road safety education provided within a school will be undertaken alongside the assessment of the road safety situation outside the school gate.

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