



## WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 24 JUNE 2015

**LEAD OFFICER:** ANDREW MILNE, AREA HIGHWAYS MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** PETITION – PROVIDE A SAFER WAY FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS LITTLEWICK ROAD

**DIVISION:** KNAPHILL AND GOLDSWORTH WEST

### **SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

1.1 A petition containing 197 signatures has been submitted for consideration at Woking Joint Committee.

**Wording of the petition:**

1.2 We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to provide a safer way for pedestrians to cross Littlewick Road in Woking between Littlewick Common and the Goldsworth Park estate.

Residents of Littlewick Common have to cross Littlewick Road to reach local amenities such as schools, shops and parks. There is also a pre-school on Littlewick Common so many parents of young children are crossing at peak traffic times. The road is 40mph and it can very difficult to find a big enough gap to cross, particularly for those with young children or the elderly. We feel it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt and we want the council to consider ways to make it safer to cross e.g. a pedestrian crossing, a refuge island, wider pavements for waiting, or better signs to warn drivers that people are trying to cross. We would really appreciate your support, thank you.

### **OFFICER COMMENT**

3.1 Following a public question received in the December 2014 Woking Joint Committee meeting, the Committee were advised that a similar request to

that made by this petition was the subject of a previous petition received in 2007.

- 3.2 In response to the 2007 petition a detailed report was presented to Committee for consideration. This outlined the factors, such as road speed, road character, pedestrian volumes, and cost, that are considered when deciding on appropriate pedestrian facilities.
- 3.3 The report advised that a number of alternative crossing options had been considered. It was noted that a zebra crossing would be inappropriate at this location due to the existing speed limit, and that there was insufficient road width to accommodate a pedestrian island.
- 3.4 A signalised crossing was also considered. Although this could be potentially be provided, the cost, which would be in the region of £120,000, could only be justified if there were significant numbers of pedestrians using the facility.
- 3.5 However, pedestrian numbers at this location were found to be exceptionally low (8 people per day), and therefore the level of investment could not be justified on the basis of public benefit.
- 3.6 In the response provided to Committee in December 2014, Committee were advised that consideration would be given to improving signage along Littlewick Road.
- 3.7 The Traffic Engineer for the Woking area has conducted a review of signage along Littlewick Road and will be arranging for signage improvement works to be carried out during the course of this financial year

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is recommended that Surrey Highways continue with implementing signage improvements in Littlewick Road and that the Woking Joint Committee are asked to note the content of this response.

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