



LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

PETITIONS

25 SEPTEMBER 2015

The following petitions have been received:

1. A petition presented by Ms J Rawlings requesting the bus stop in Ewhurst to be reinstated outside the school or the terminus of the 53 service from Guildford and Cranleigh to be at The Glebe and not at the Bull's Head green.

“One year ago Surrey County Council removed the bus stop without any consultation. The bus stop has been there for over 100 years. The bus is a lifeline to the elderly residents of The Glebe for shopping, doctors, hospitals, pharmacy, Post Office and also to visitors and staff of the nursing home. Two official complaints have been logged. The bus and its lay-by were never the problem: speeding traffic through the village is what needs to be looked at. The bus stop and lay-by needs to be put back where it was before the onset of winter. It is very rare that our roads get salted let alone the very narrow pavements. Are you really expecting the elderly and disabled to struggle with the essential things in life or perhaps you think we should just stay indoors and rely on family for all of our needs.”

2. An online petition submitted by Mrs N Foskett requesting that the County urgently review and improve road safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians on Chapel Road and The Avenue in Rowledge.

“Many residents walk and cycle around the village, enduring narrow roads, potholes and uneven surfaces. A lack of pavements forces vulnerable road users to share the often winding, high-hedged, poorly signed roads with motor vehicles driving at unsafe speeds. The May 2011 Village Plan identified road safety as the No.1 concern. The safety of Chapel Road and The Avenue is a key area of concern: it is a primary vehicle route, including for buses, in and out of the village and is used by pedestrians and cyclists, including children and those accessing the shops, the Methodist Chapel (including Brownies and Guides) and the Doctor's Surgery. We wish the Council to:

- (1) Improve the road surface and ensure the shared nature of the road is clear

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- (2) Create safe verges for vulnerable road users, particularly children and the elderly
- (3) Cut back overhanging trees and hedges
- (4) Reduce the speed limit from 30 mph where appropriate
- (5) Review the faded buff strip on The Avenue, with reference to its original design intent, and make changes to ensure there is safe provision for pedestrians

Without swift action, it is only a matter of time before someone is killed or seriously injured.”

3. A petition presented by Ms A Emersic requesting the County Council to investigate and complete the resurfacing originally scheduled for The Street, Thursley with the addition of Highfield Lane hill including the church hill up to the end of the grass verges, in a manner which is in accordance with the British Horse Society and County Councils’ joint guidance pamphlet Horses and Highways Surfacing, to which Surrey County Council is a contributor:

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/~media/BHS/Files/PDF%20Documents/Access%20leaflet/s/Horse%20and%20Highway%20Surfacing%20Leaflet.ashx>

“Due to the dangerous and slippery condition of The Street and Highfield Lane, especially the stretch from Streetfield to the end of the verges past the church hill, a great many horses have slipped and many have fallen on this road. To avoid further serious injuries to riders and horses and possible fatalities, we urgently need a resolution to this problem.”

4. A petition presented by Ms Lucy Weldon requesting the Local Committee to support new traffic calming measures along Elmbridge Road, Cranleigh, in particular in and around the priority road system over the Wey and Arun Canal.
“The petition asks the Local Committee to agree that new traffic calming measures for Elmbridge Road Cranleigh, specifically the section of road leading up to and along the single track road over the Wey and Arun Canal, is a high local priority and to commit to implementing new and effective traffic calming measures this coming financial year. New traffic calming measures are supported formally by the Cranleigh Parish Council. The Police have also expressed concerns about safety and say that there are failings in the current system given that it is *'too difficult for drivers to assess whether it is clear to proceed or not....and that some other form of traffic control is required.'* This is a view expressed by the Police since 2008. New traffic calming measures would help reduce the level of accidents and casualties, the number of day to day incidents of road rage, bumper to bumper stand offs and general confusion over who has right of way. New traffic calming measures would also make residents of Elmbridge Retirement Village and other pedestrians safer when walking along the single track road pavement which currently is used as an escape route by cars and lorries during a stand off. Safety bollards have not been replaced. The *'Help Elmbridge Road'* petition asks for new and additional traffic calming measures, such as more appropriate signage as well as vehicle activated signs. These would provide clear advance warning of the priority road system coming into and leaving Cranleigh, its restricted and obstructed sight lines and the need to maintain slow speeds in anticipation of either giving way or having priority. The current set of signs are inadequate and not fit for purpose, given the significant increase in domestic and commercial traffic including HGVs along Elmbridge

Road, which is the main arterial road off the A281 into Cranleigh. Currently, the signage does not give drivers sufficient advance warning of the unusually long 120 yard single track which has poor visibility due to a blind spot caused by the camber of the canal bridge, the awkward positioning of the pavement and a hazard sign that obstructs drivers' views. Current signage also fails to give clear unambiguous instructions on who has priority and who has to give way. “

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