



Surrey Heath Local Area Committee
Date: 2 July 2015

Annex 6e - Petitioners Written Response to the Tabled Report - West End Speed Limit and Crossing of the A322

When I left the meeting where I presented the petition on behalf of West End Village. I gave a detailed explanation of the safety issues and also left detailed notes of why the West End Village Community felt the need for these issues to be addressed.

At that time I felt, that action would be taken.

Having now had a copy of the Highways Report I am disappointed that the report hasn't really adequately addressed the points we have raised.

The reasons why we are not happy are detailed below. However, I do appreciate and thank you for an assessment of options for the junction to be considered.

I would be very grateful if you could respond and clarify against the following:

Speed Limit

It may be a main A road, but the residents still feel that the nature of the road has changed from a rural area to a busy built up environment. The SPEED is not conducive for the village. I am aware that Bisley Residents are also petitioning for a reduction in speed. Along with the community of West End we fully support their request.

Since the meeting that I attended, a young child was knocked down on the A322 at Bisley. Additionally, Only 2 weeks ago a car overturned just past Brentmoor Road Crossing.

You state in reasons for your recommendation that a formal assessment was carried out in OCT 2012 – We would like to know what day, time of week that this happened and period attended? As we feel this would give bearing to WHY the speed should be reduced

- 1.4 You mention in the introduction and background – the road safety team assessed speed limit around the Gordons Roundabout/Red Road area. We are not interested in the speed around the roundabout. Yes - they will slow down at the roundabout, but they quickly pick up speed as they come down the hill into our village.

- 1.5 Assessment of personal injuries – child knocked down and overturned car? Perhaps these may not appear on your statistics as they are fairly recent. Unfortunately your stats do not include the near misses that we witness on regular occasions.
- 2.1 Analysis – you mention about visibility for pedestrians to assess traffic. We attest that the traffic lights are not clear and not visible until you are close up. Should you have a large lorry stopped at Brentmoor Road crossroads it blocks the view. As a pedestrian, you have to walk out and check around before finally crossing the road.
- 2.2 LIGHTS for traffic need to be looked at as in the view of the West End Community they are not clear due to glare, therefore traffic has to be close to know the status of lights.
- 9 . When will the assessment of options take place?

From my initial report I feel the following has not been taken into account or clarified

- We mentioned the possibility of flashing lights, particularly at school times from 7.45 – 8.45 am highlight school children crossing – Did you come to any view on the points we raised for this, if so when?
- Traffic lights for cars at the pedestrian crossing, will enhancements take place to allow for clearer signals? If so is there a schedule?

In conclusion Mr Milne, we feel that this report is not conclusive. The residents feel this is a 'brush off' until a later date. If this is the case, we feel that this is totally unacceptable. I make this comment in the light of the detailed information that was supplied, how the community feels with regards to the safety of the villagers and the speed limit which has to be reduced.

I would also like the opportunity to meet your team 'on site', who if they could come and visit to show them what the issues are. I think it is important for your team to meet with the people who are actually on the ground living with this on a day to day basis.

I apologise that I am not at the LAC meeting, but this is due to family reasons. I have spoken to Cllr Adrian Page who may articulate my feelings at the meeting. I would appreciate a direct response to myself, answering or clarify the points that I have raised on behalf of West End Community.

I look forward to your response.

Regards

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