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Dear Sylvia,

EGHAM HIGH STREET - Entry Barrier Status

It is now over 6 months since the conclusive results of the SCC consultation on the pedestrianised area of Egham High Street found, inter alia, that "a better method of enforcing the pedestrian area was needed". Although it is not mentioned in the minutes of the 6/7 RLC meeting, we were advised by an attendee that SCC "highways engineers were asked to investigate and propose options (such as a rising bollard) with detailed costings".

To date however nothing has been done in situ & flagrant abuses of the current unguarded gate system have continued. Indeed residents have now taken it upon themselves to close the gates during pedestrianised times, often receiving abuse from car drivers for doing so. In at least one case a pedestrian was almost run over by a driver speeding through the High Street during the "closed" period. We thus urge the RLC, SCC &/or RBC to speed up implementation of a new entry system before someone gets killed in a traffic accident.

Depending on the forecast costings of, say, a rising bollard system, we appreciate that funding constraints are on SCC as the highways authority but this issue is now escalating to one of safety rather than just a "nice to have". We thus urge the parties involved to come up with a funding solution soonest for inclusion in the 2015/6 works programme, as there has been one comment we have heard that the installation may be delayed until the 2016/17 budget, which would be unacceptable to our residents.

We would thus request that this issue be specifically addressed on the agenda for the 21/9 RLC meeting, & an early funding decision be taken, to enable new barriers to be in place by year-end.

Regards,

cc : Cllr John Furey (SCC)
Jason Gosden, Senior Engineer, Surrey Highways
Cllr Alan Alderson (RBC)