

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 11 December 2015

SUBJECT: Public Question

DIVISION: Caterham Hill



Residents at Le Personne ask:

We the undersigned, ask Surrey County Council, to consider improving Banstead Road, Caterham CR3 5SW so that pedestrians can cross more safely when accessing the bus stops and the footpaths to shopping, including the supermarket at the Barracks Coulsdon Road.

Response:

The B2030 Banstead Road is a single carriageway road, subject to a speed limit of 30mph. There are currently no dedicated crossing facilities on this section of road. Requests to review the road were received earlier this year, including representation from the Divisional Member. Following a review it was found that the available road width is insufficient to accommodate a pedestrian refuge, which would aid crossing near Le Personne and the bus stops.

Road safety

Road collisions across the county are continually monitored. Significant changes or increases in the pattern of collisions are referred to the relevant Road Safety Working Group for action to be determined. This group consists of road safety specialists from both Surrey Police and the County Council. Discussions potentially lead to the development of measures such as physical changes, enforcement, or educational campaigns. Potential measures are prioritised based on likely reductions in casualties.

The available collision data records two personal injury accidents on this section of Banstead Road, as detailed below:

(i) March 2013; the section between the junctions with Money Road and Livingstone Road; a driver pulled over due to seeing a blue light in their rear view mirror and was hit from behind by another vehicle.

(ii) May 2014; at the junction with Money Road; a vehicle turning right from Money Road collided with another vehicle. The attending police officer recorded the likely contributory factors as 'failed to look properly; vision affected by stationary or parked vehicles; exceeding speed limit'.

On the basis of the available data, the provision of crossing facilities in Banstead Road would not be a high priority for the allocation of funding from the road safety budget.

Whilst there are no plans for measures within the current highways programme, this location has been included on the 'speed management plan' for Tandridge. Surrey County Council, in partnership with the police and travel advisors, identify locations with a poor safety record by analysing collision data and trends. Locations of community concern are also considered, when residents, elected members or community surveys have highlighted locations where it is thought that there may be a problem. The monitoring of the road includes analysis of collisions and vehicle speeds and discussion at the Road Safety Working Group. The safety issues will continue to be monitored as part of the speed management and road safety initiatives.

Local Committee funding for highway improvements

Tandridge Local Committee holds a small budget for highway improvements, referred to as Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS). Potential measures are regularly reviewed by Surrey Officers with elected members of the local committee for Tandridge to identify possible highway improvement schemes. These schemes may then be taken forward for feasibility, design and implementation, subject to approval by Tandridge Local Committee and the level of funding available.

The allocation of the Local Committee's ITS capital budget for the forthcoming financial year (2016/17) is addressed as an item on the agenda of this committee meeting (11 December 2015).

The request for improved crossing facilities in Banstead Road will be added to the Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) list for consideration for future funding, to be prioritised alongside other schemes. The request will be reviewed when the Tandridge ITS forward programme for 2017/18 – 2018/19 is developed with Members.

In the current financial year (2015/16) the Local Committee allocated a small budget for improvements to road signs and markings. Following the request for review earlier this year, the Southeast Area Highways Team arranged the installation of 'Frail or disabled pedestrians likely to cross road ahead' warning signs on each approach to the entrance to Le Personne. These were installed in the summer, funded from the Local Committee's budget.

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