



Surrey County Council Local Committee (Guildford) 8 December 2015

Petitions [Item 5]

Principal petitioner/organisation	Anne Rubin resident of the Oval, 35 confirmed signatures, paper petition
SCC Division	Guildford SW
Summary of concerns and requests	We the undersigned are concerned citizens who urge Local Committee Guildford to act now to stop abuse and to allow residents to park near their homes
Response	<p>We are grateful for the petition. It is in two parts. The first sheet asks for “Residents Only Parking” in the parking places outside the residents properties. This part of the petition explains there are problems caused by other residents without permits, students, shoppers and university lecturers parking in the dual use bays which allow permit holder to park without restriction and non-permit holders to park for up to four-hour. This makes it difficult for residents to park. It is signed by 17 residents from 8 properties in The Oval.</p> <p>The parking places in this section of The Oval are outside 75 to 101 (14 properties). There are also properties from 56 to 72 on the opposite side of the road (9 properties). The petition shows that 8 of the 22 properties with frontages in the area are in support of a change (36%). The majority of responses come from households on the East side of the road and these households do not have off-street parking and are particularly badly affected if parking is occupied.</p> <p>Surrey County Council guidance to Local Committees’ suggests that before a change to deal with nuisance parking (as opposed to dangerous parking) is included in a parking review residents should show that a significant majority of frontages affected by a change would support the proposal. In this location, there are a number of properties that are let and it is hard to get a high response rate.</p> <p>Converting parking bays to “residents permit holders only” is likely to make it easier for residents with permits to park. However, it makes it harder for visitors, trades people, and carers to park. The decision needs to be balanced and reflect all residents’ needs. Having “residents only parking” in one part of the road will push all the visitors to other sections and make it harder for residents in those other parts to park close to their</p>

	<p>homes.</p> <p>We could consider this change as part of the next review, which is planned to start in the middle of 2016. Considering it as part of a review will also enable us to look at other changes in the area and consider them together.</p> <p>The second part of the petition says the 4-hour limited waiting parking is not properly monitored so residents cannot park outside their homes and urges the Local Committee to stop the abuse to help residents park near their homes. 18 people from 13 properties signed this part of the petition. Only two of the signatories come from The Oval. The remaining 16 would not be eligible to obtain permits to park in area J (The Oval is in zone J) either because they do not live in the area or because they live in a private roads which is not in the permit scheme. However, they are clearly in touch with the residents of the area and have expressed a view that parking for these residents is difficult.</p> <p>In October and November 2015, we issued 14 Penalty Charge Notices in The Oval, 13 of these were for parking longer than permitted and 1 for parking on yellow lines. One vehicle has had a number of penalties for parking longer than permitted. The Parking Manager has also visited the site on a number of occasions and there has always been space in The Oval and usually free space outside 75-101. We are enforcing but in view of the continued problems reported by the residents, we will work with them to identifying when abuse occurs and respond accordingly.</p>
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Principal petitioner/ organisation	Janet Smith, Chair of Jacob's Well Residents Association on behalf of Mr and Mrs Warren. 117 confirmed signatures, paper petition
SCC Division / GBC Ward	Worplesdon Jacob's Well
Summary of concerns and requests	To ask for your assistance and support in securing some funds in order to resurface the now tired footways and roads within Jacob's Well as we feel that with a high number of residents are of retirement age who are not as stable on their feet as they used to be, whom are at high risk of falls on the uneven surfaces around the village. To us it is a safety issue that needs to be dealt with before someone has a serious accident. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and hopefully gain your support with this matter.
Response from Highways, Surrey County Council (SCC)	As part of our reactive maintenance regime Surrey Highways repairs defects in footways in excess of 10mm high/deep as they arise (40mm for carriageways), which is the standard used by the great majority of highway authorities in the UK. Annual safety inspections are carried for all carriageways & footways and residents can help us keep both in good repair by reporting

	<p>defects via our website or contact centre.</p> <p>Highways also has a centrally funded programmed of planned maintenance where carriageways and footways are resurfaced or rebuilt. In recent years the emphasis has been on carriageways and we are currently in year three of the five year Horizon programme which will see £100m invested in our roads. In 2016/17 we expect to see additional investment in footway resurfacing, although no programme has been announced as yet. At item 14 the committee is asked to allocate their local budget for the coming financial year and the majority is directed to improvement schemes reflecting the strong demand by local communities for safety and other improvements to the road network. Should the budget allocated to the committee in the New Year be more than anticipated further spending decisions will be made at the March meeting, which may include directing funding to maintenance works.</p>
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Principal petitioner/ organisation	Debbie Curlis, 230 confirmed signatures, paper petition
SCC Division	Guildford West/Westborough
Summary of concerns and requests	<p>St Joseph's School to install a Pelican crossing adjacent to the St Joseph's School Gate on Aldershot Road</p> <p>'The Aldershot Road is a busy road at most times of the day with increasing traffic at the usual peak times. A significant number of people including those less able bodied, the elderly and those with young children cross the road to access local schools, shops and homes.</p> <p>Aldershot Road continues to have issues with speeding vehicles and congestion creating a greater challenge for those wishing to cross the road using the newly implemented zebra crossing. Since the introduction of the zebra crossing it has become obvious that it is not sufficient and that a pelican crossing is required both for safety reasons and to aid community cohesion.</p> <p>We would therefore like to request that Surrey County Council upgrade the crossing and install a pelican crossing.'</p>
Response from Highways, Surrey County Council (SCC)	<p>The Committee would like to thank Ms Curtis for presenting the petition for a possible investigation into upgrading the existing zebra crossing in Aldershot Road, in the vicinity of St Joseph's School, to a puffin crossing.</p> <p>The zebra crossing was completed and commissioned in May 2014. As a result of a discussion with the police and the road safety team the belisha beacons were replaced by zebrite belisha beacons that are visible from a distance. Recently, SCC officers visited the site to assess the present situation and as a result the existing signs and road markings will be improved.</p>

	<p>SCC officers will continue to monitor the new crossing.</p> <p>The request to upgrade the existing zebra crossing into a puffin crossing was placed on the Guildford running list and was discussed at the Monday 19 October Task Group meeting. Members decided to use capital funding for the next financial year on the unfinished schemes and as a result none of the proposed schemes on the running list, including upgrading the zebra crossing into a puffin crossing, will be included in the 2016/17, programme.</p> <p>The current proposed schemes will be reviewed at future Task Group meetings.</p>
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<p>Summary of concerns and requests</p>	<p>Hogs Back A31 - Gap closure proposal at Flexford Lane. The Petition states:</p> <p>We the undersigned oppose the proposed gap closure and request that SCC Highways undertake a strategic review of the A31, with input from local residents. Closure of this crossing is against the interests of residents of the Hogs Back and is a step closer to creating a motorway by stealth and imposing an 11 mile physical barrier across Surrey, affecting an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, against the interests of all residents, walkers and cyclists.</p>
<p>Response from Highways, Surrey County Council (SCC)</p>	<p>This petition will be addressed at the March committee meeting when the committee will be asked to make a decision on the proposed closure of this central reservation crossing.</p>