



Surrey County Council Local Committee (Guildford) 23 March 2016

Member Questions and Statements

Submitted by Councillors Bob McShee, David Elms and Iseult Roche, Guildford Borough Council

Would the Committee please acknowledge the concerns of residents on the Fairlands Estate regarding the proposed parking restrictions, noting that the problem which residents complained about, that led to Fairlands being included in the review of parking controls, is the regular anti-social and inconsiderate parking by parents dropping off and collecting children at Worplesdon Primary School AM and PM (despite being asked by the school not to do so), and rather than impose double yellow lines, meaning 24 hour, 7 days a week controls on residents as well, please consider the junctions single yellow line option for 8.30am to 10.30am and 2.30pm to 4.30pm restrictions, Monday to Friday, being the time at which there are the parking problems.

Response

Where there are parking problems at junctions it is standard practice to have double yellow lines, which restrict parking 24 hours a day. At junctions parking has the potential to cause a problem at any time. To only restrict the parking at the junctions for part of the day suggests we are happy for residents and others to park outside the restricted times.

The introduction of single yellow line controls would also require each length to be signed, to highlight the hours the restrictions apply. To implement single yellow lines would require an extra 30 signs and posts. All double yellow lines apply 24 hours a day and do not require any signs.

Submitted by Councillor Bob McShee, Guildford Borough Council

In response to the accidents that have occurred on this crossing, I am very pleased to see that 'Lolly-pop' ladies are on duty in the mornings and afternoons when the children need to cross the road. However, I have now been informed that it is the school who are paying for this essential safety provision, and I question why SCC is not paying for this service.

Response

Surrey County Council's Road Safety Outside Schools Policy outlines our approach not to fund School Crossing Patrols at locations where there is an infrastructure improvement such as a pelican crossing or a zebra crossing. The policy seeks to avoid duplication of resources and to ensure that funds are diverted to sites where there is greatest need, i.e. where there is no infrastructure provision. Our policy states;

National guidance advises that school crossing patrols should not operate where there is a light controlled crossing already in situ as this is a duplication of resources and could cause confusion. Therefore any request for a new school crossing patrol at a site that has a light controlled, or zebra crossing, will not be approved.

If a new light controlled or zebra pedestrian crossing is installed (or installed nearby to) where a school crossing patrol is currently operating, then the service will be reviewed and may be relocated or withdrawn after a provisional period of 3 months.

In response to recent collisions involving the school community at this crossing location, the school have identified funds for an SCP and Surrey County Council's Schools Sustainable Travel Team have agreed to facilitate the recruitment, training and risk assessment associated with the post. SCC has recently trained four parents and school staff to operate as Patrols at this location, and have agreed to provide the necessary training, monitoring and support. We have also offered additional pedestrian awareness training to the school.