

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 20 MARCH 2015

SUBJECT: PETITION (Request for parking restrictions on Grange Road, Caterham)

DIVISION: CATERHAM VALLEY

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To consider a petition containing 16 signatures – by Mr Piers Clark.

'The Residents of Grange Road, Caterham, Surrey petition Surrey County Council for the introduction of (curfew) parking restrictions into Grange Road at the earliest practical opportunity.

Grange Road is a narrow, winding and sloping road with 9 residential homes and in addition to sole access to a housing development of 12 houses (which has limited parking), Grange Road is a busy road used as a regular cut through at rush hour for Caterham School traffic and drivers avoiding the centre of Caterham.

Grange Road has become a car park for commuters using the rail facilities who typically park from the early morning into the evening often resulting in parking all along down the road and turning in the road into a single lane. The level of parking is causing considerable inconvenience and increasing danger to the local residents and users through: the creation of blind spots as they turn out of their drives, dangerous sight lines given the cambers and the partial blocking of driveways. In addition, vehicles have been parked for 4 weeks + at a time which is causing difficulties especially when inconveniently parked eg opposite or close to driveways.'

**RESPONSE:**

Following concerns raised to the committee on previous occasions, and representations made outside of the committee, the parking team have reviewed Grange Road and made recommendations to introduce new parking controls within it as part of the parking review being presented to the local committee today.

We believe that the proposals will prevent vehicles from parking near to driveways and in inconvenient locations. The proposals will also serve to reduce congestion by allowing much more room for traffic to pass. We have retained some un-restricted road space where parking does not pose a danger, as this will provide some amenity to the surrounding area, and act as a natural traffic calming measure. We do not consider it necessary to remove all on street parking in the road from a safety point of view, indeed such a proposal could reduce safety as there would most likely be a resultant increase in traffic speed.

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