

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)



DATE: 24 June 2016

SUBJECT: **PETITION - Introduce a zebra crossing, more road school signage, and a lowering of the speed limit to 20 miles per hour on Dormansland High Street**

DIVISION: LINGFIELD

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To consider a petition containing 229 signatures online, and a further 124 signatures on paper – by Mrs Sarah Jane Lloyd.

We, the undersigned, petition Surrey County Council to introduce a zebra crossing, more road school signage, and a lowering of the speed limit to 20 miles per hour on Dormansland High Street.

Dormansland High Street, which is the main road through the village, is becoming increasingly dangerous for both children and their parents to cross.

This is due to the excessive speed of traffic, plus poor visibility caused by copious on street parking. The combination of these factors means crossing is now extremely hazardous and the problem is exacerbated by the fact the High Street is the main route between Dormansland Primary School and the village shop, the recreation ground, the church, and the village preschool.

A number of parents and children have already been involved in near misses; as it stands the High Street is an accident waiting to happen. It is not acceptable to wait until someone is hurt or killed before taking action.

We therefore ask for a number of safety measures including a zebra crossing, more school signage and a lowering of the speed limit to 20 miles per hour.

RESPONSE:

Dormansland Primary School is located to the east of Dormansland High Street, accessed from both Clinton Hill (vehicles and pedestrians) and The Meades (pedestrians only). There are double yellow line waiting restrictions around the junction of High Street with Clinton Hill and in the High Street opposite Clinton Hill. There are also double yellow line waiting restrictions around the junction of High Street with The Meades. Vehicles can park along the rest of the length of the High Street. Buses serve the High Street, with bus stops located to the south of Clinton Hill. The High Street is street lit and subject to a 30mph speed limit. There are no pedestrian crossing facilities in the High Street.

There are school warning signs in the High Street on both approaches to the school, one north of The Meades and the other south of Clinton Hill. At the request of the

school, a direction sign to the school has been ordered. The double sided sign, which will read Dormansland Primary School, will be located in the High Street opposite Clinton Hill.

Reported personal injury collision data for the three year period 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2015, together with the data available for this year (up to 31/03/2016) is summarised below.

High Street, Dormansland (Dormans Road to New Farthingdale)				
Year	Slight	Serious	Fatality	Comments
2013	1	-	-	Vehicle skidded in snow conditions
2014	1	-	-	Pedestrian (age 11) hit after alighting from bus
2015	2	-	-	1. Shunt into parked vehicle 2. Driver unlocking vehicle struck by passing car
2016	0	-	-	
Total	4	0	0	

Surrey County Council does not hold any speed data for High Street, Dormansland.

A pedestrian survey was carried out in the High Street in September 2012 between 7am and 7pm, noting pedestrian crossing movements at 5 locations. The survey showed that the highest pedestrian crossing movements took place in the vicinity of the Post Office/Village Shop, with 266 movements recorded over the 12 hour period. The next busiest crossing location was to the south of Clinton Hill, near the bus stops, where 185 crossing movements were recorded over the 12 hour period.

Following the development of 72-74 High Street, s106 developer contributions were secured towards the implementation of traffic calming measures in the High Street. A scheme was developed which included two kerb build-outs incorporating an informal pedestrian crossings (dropped kerbs and tactile paving), one outside the Post Office/General Stores and the other south of Clinton Hill. The works started on site but was stopped and the scheme subsequently abandoned following objections from the Parish Council and local residents.

In consultation with the Parish Council and the divisional Member, approval is currently being sought from Tandridge District Council to reallocate this money to fund a traffic calming scheme at the junction of High Street/Dormans Road/Plough Road/Hollow Lane. The effect of this scheme, which would comprise a junction table and speed cushions, would be to reduce the speed of traffic approaching the village from the north.

Surrey County Council has an approved Speed Limit Policy which sets out the criteria under which a reduction in speed limit by signs alone would be considered. The policy requires that the length of road over which a speed limit change would be considered should be at least 600m in length. This is to ensure against too many speed limit changes that could be confusing to the motorist along a length of road.

Existing speeds are required to be measured using over a 7 day continuous period using automatic survey equipment. The measured existing mean speeds are then compared to a threshold set out in the policy and if the recorded mean speeds are below the threshold, then the council will consider reducing the speed limit. For a reduction from 30mph to 20mph, the threshold mean speed is set at 24mph.

There is no recent speed survey data available for High Street, Dormansland. In March 2016, Tandridge Local Committee allocated £2,500 of their revenue budget to fund speed limit surveys. Officers will arrange for a speed survey to be carried out in High Street, Dormansland to determine existing speeds, in accordance with the speed limit policy. It should be noted that speed surveys should not be carried out if the results would be affected by other factors such as adverse weather conditions or school holidays. The results of the speed survey will be reported to the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who is also the divisional Member.

A Road Safety Outside Schools policy was approved in July 2014. The policy sets out the process to be followed for investigating and responding to concerns about road safety outside schools. With the agreement of the Local Committee, an assessment is carried out that looks at the school's Travel Plan and road safety education programmed, and carries out a risk assessment following a site visit attended by the local highway engineer, road safety engineers and the Police. The findings of the speed limit review can be used to inform this process. A report will then be presented to the school and the divisional Member.

Any measures arising from the speed limit review and the Road Safety Outside Schools assessment, and supported by the divisional Member will be added to the list of Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS). Measures will be prioritised against other possible schemes on the list and used to develop future work programmes in Tandridge, subject to the allocation of funding by the Local Committee. It should be noted that the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities in High Street, Dormansland is already on the ITS list.

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