

Petition response (tabled)

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)****DATE: 05 SEPTEMBER 2016****SUBJECT: PETITION – B2450 DORKING ROAD – PETITION TO
INTRODUCE A WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON VEHICLES
TRAVELLING BETWEEN GIVONS GROVE ROUNDABOUT AND
THE CRESCENT****DIVISION: LEATHERHEAD EAST****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

We, the undersigned, are concerned local residents who urge Mole Valley/Surrey County Council to act now to ensure oversized vehicles travel via the A24/Leatherhead bypass.

The petition's details read:

Very large vehicles are breaking up the newly laid road and are causing a lot of flying debris, air and noise pollution.

Additionally due to the small pavement and close proximity to the road, residents and listed buildings at the top of Church Street (approaching the town centre) are greatly impacted by these oversized vehicles.

This area is also a **designated conservation area** and should be taken into consideration when allowing oversized vehicles to use these roads.

A bypass exists for this very reason but vehicles are not forced to use it.

RESPONSE:

The B2450 Dorking Road, Leatherhead is link road providing access from the ring road at the Givons Grove roundabout into the southern part of Leatherhead town centre. It is rural in nature from Givons Grove roundabout to the junction with Thorncroft Drive, when it reaches the urban area of Leatherhead.

Any weight restriction on B2450 Dorking Road would require an "except for access" exception, so that delivery and refuse lorries can still use this road to access local businesses and properties on Dorking Road. Consequently the introduction of any weight restriction on this road would not prevent it being used by HGV's, and enforcement would be needed to ensure that any HGV's using the road would be doing so for access. Enforcing such a restriction would be unlikely to be a priority for Surrey Police.

Department for Transport guidance states that if a weight restriction is installed an alternative route would have to be signed for HGV's travelling from the south, wanting to make deliveries to properties/businesses in the south of Leatherhead town centre. However, surrounding roads aren't any more suitable for use by HGVs and therefore any weight restriction would also need to be installed on these roads, such as the B2033 Highlands Road/Reigate Road and any roads off of them. Consequently the restricted area would become so large that it would make

enforcement difficult and manpower intensive, and would therefore not be supported by Surrey Police.

The majority of Leatherhead town centre is within a conservation area, including alternative routes that would need to be used by HGVs trying to access the southern area of Leatherhead town centre, should a weight restriction be installed on B2450 Dorking Road. These routes such as The Crescent also have narrow pavements and should the signed alternative route be the B2122 Epsom Road, it would result in a higher number of HGV's passing St. John's School.

Also should the alternative route for vehicles be the A246 Young Street and B2122 Guildford Road, HGV's delivering to properties in the southern area of the town centre would need to travel around the town centre one-way system, increasing traffic congestion on these roads and air pollution within the town centre.

It is therefore unlikely that any proposal to install weight restrictions on the B2450 Dorking Road would be prioritised above other schemes that have been identified as requiring funding.

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