

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2016

SUBJECT: Public Question: Congestion on Croydon Road, Caterham



DIVISION: CATERHAM VALLEY

Mr Mike Clark, Warlingham resident asks:

Albeit the Croydon Road, Caterham has evolved over the last few years by having minor changes and has been resurfaced, the road is unsafe (being like a dodgems fairground), has more congestion, and angry frustrated residents who cannot park their cars. It seems that the so called "improvements", despite good intentions, have had an adverse consequence.

It is now time for a fresh approach to resolve all three challenges in an integrated solution in the interest of road users and local residents.

The Local Area Committee is therefore requested to approve and fund a study to produce a revised road layout (or layouts), from Wapses Lodge roundabout to the Waitrose access road at the former Rose and Young building, so the road can be made (a) safe, (b) ensure a clearway of one lane each direction at all times, and (c) maximise residents' and visitors' parking.

The study team shall report back with their initial findings and recommendations at the next meeting (9th Dec 2016). The final report should include an order of cost estimate, a value engineering study, and list of challenges to be overcome and be presented at the March 2017 meeting.

It is suggested that a local team direct and get involved with the Study with assistance from SCC Highways Department. I would like to be a member of the team.

Response:

There have been changes to Croydon Road, over time, to respond to specific traffic and safety issues within the constraints of the road space and prioritised funding available. This has included the introduction of double yellow line parking restrictions for safety reasons and to reduce congestion. The needs of other road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users and business deliveries also have to be balanced with the needs of car drivers and residents' parking. There needs to be a balance about what can be achieved with the resources available. A statutory consultation process is required for many changes to the highway that are requested and feedback from this helps shape the outcome.

Unfortunately, there is no funding available in this financial year for a study of the nature you suggest, and this would need to be prioritised against other requests for similar studies across the Tandridge District for future funding. However, your concerns about traffic congestion, safety and parking on Croydon Road are acknowledged. Your

concerns about parking and deliveries will be put forward as part of the next parking review for Tandridge.

Any proposed traffic study of Croydon Road, on the approach to the mini roundabout at the junction with Station Avenue and Godstone Road from Wapses Lodge roundabout, would be in collaboration with The Caterham Masterplan. This is likely to be published later this year through Tandridge District Council. This will inform local priorities for infrastructure improvements, and for any bids for additional funding from other organisations such as the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership. The Caterham Valley Parish Council may also choose to prioritise measures for Croydon Road for bids for other local funding.

The specific issues that you have requested to be within any proposed study, would normally be included together with other issues such as bus routes, available land, utility company apparatus locations and estimated costs. There are also funding implications for delivering any proposals that would come out of a study, and these would have to be prioritised against other proposals for bids.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to carry out a study of the nature of your request, in the time scale of your request, as there is no funding identified or available. However, your contribution is welcomed and has been forwarded to the Caterham local elected representatives.

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