

Petition response – Chalkpit Lane (tabled)

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

**DATE: 16 NOVEMBER 2016**

**LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY**

**SUBJECT: CHALKPIT LANE CROSSING**

**DIVISION: DORKING HILLS**



**A2003 Chalkpit Lane, Dorking – Request for controlled pedestrian crossing on Chalkpit Lane (near triangle stores).**

The petition's details read:

We, the undersigned, welcome Surrey County Council bringing forward the proposal for a controlled pedestrian crossing on Chalkpit Lane near Triangle Stores where pupils making their way to St Martins School and to the Ashcombe School both cross Chalkpit Lane (the A2003) following 'Road Safety Outside Schools' meeting held on 14 September 2016 and request that the County Council allocates funding in its Integrated Transport Scheme budget for Mole Valley District to enable this pedestrian crossing to be installed in the next financial year (2017/18).

**Response:**

Chalkpit Lane in Dorking is a section of the A2003 which links the A25 with the A24. It is a single carriageway road through a residential area with a 30mph speed limit. The section of the A2003 Chalkpit Lane in the vicinity of the Triangle Stores has residential properties, shops and businesses on both sides. There is currently an informal pedestrian crossing point in the form of a pedestrian refuge island in the centre of the road with dropped kerbs at the edge of the footway on both sides.

A site meeting to assess the safety of the existing crossing facility and investigate possible improvements on the A2003 Chalkpit Lane in the vicinity of the Triangle Stores, was held at the site in February 2014. The site meeting was attended by the local divisional member, officers from Surrey County Council's (SCC) Sustainable Travel Team and Local Highways Team, the Head Teacher of St Martin's School and parents of pupils from St Martin's School. Surrey Police's Road Safety and Traffic Management Team were advised of the findings and outcome of this meeting.

As a result of this meeting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Chalkpit Lane was included on the list of schemes to be considered for progression by Mole Valley Local Committee. The progression of this scheme is subject to agreement by the Local Committee, available funding and prioritisation alongside other schemes.

Since the site meeting, held in February 2014, Surrey County Council has introduced a Road Safety Outside Schools policy. It was therefore agreed at the Local Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 to carry out a safety assessment as outlined in this policy. A site meeting as part of that assessment was held on 14 September

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2016 and was attended by the local divisional member, officers from SCC's School Sustainable Travel Team, Local Highways Team, Safety Engineering Team and Surrey Police.

It was observed during the meeting that the existing informal pedestrian crossing is used by primary school children and parents travelling west towards St. Martin's school and also by Ashcombe secondary school pupils travelling east. The pedestrian island ensures that a 2 stage crossing can be made, with pedestrians able to wait in the centre of the carriageway in the refuge.

Drivers are aware of the informal crossing being used by pedestrians, including school children. During the meeting drivers were observed stopping at the informal crossing to allow pedestrians to cross. Pedestrians, including school children, using the existing informal crossing are also much aware of the potential risk(s) in using the crossing, looking out for vehicles before ensuring safe crossing.

During the meeting it was also observed that there are two main crossing points on Chalk Pit Lane with St. Martin's children/parents crossing at the junction with Parkway, approximately 80m from the existing informal crossing point. Pedestrians cross here in order to use the access road to the rear of the properties opposite, which links to Ranmore Road and on to St. Martin's Primary School.

A review of the reported personal injury collisions shows that there has been 1 reported personal injury collisions in Chalkpit Lane, resulting in a slight injury, during the most recent 3 year period for which data is available (from 01/07/2013 to 30/04/2016). This collision involved a cyclist falling off their bike as a result of a car turning right across their path.

The provision of a pedestrian crossing on Chalkpit Lane remains on the list of schemes to be considered for possible future funding. The progression of this scheme is subject to agreement by the Local Committee, who are responsible for deciding which schemes to prioritise. County Councillors will take into account representations from the public, advice from engineers and availability of funding.