



## **WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** 21 SEPTEMBER 2016  
**SUBJECT:** WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS  
**DIVISION:** WOKING

### **1. Question from Warren Farm Residents Association**

There is a footpath to the left of the bus shelter on Warren Lane - firstly please advise who owns the land, apparently Woking Borough Council purchased the land but there is no public footpath sign.

If SCC own the land now please can we have the footpath reinstated as a tarmaced path as this would also help the residents who live on the houseboats who use the path getting to and from the bus stop.

### **Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

We have checked the Land Registry for this strip of land which shows that it has been registered to Woking Borough Council since 1963. The path referred to is not a dedicated public Right of Way.

Officers will carry out a site visit to review the current situation and will report back to the local member who will update Warren Farm Residents' Association.

### **2. Question from Mrs Jacqui Gracey**

I am writing on behalf of Father Malachy Keegan of Our Lady's Catholic Church, Madeira Road, West Byfleet. Father Malachy is concerned over the speed of traffic outside of the church, especially given the number of elderly parishioners and young families that must cross the road to come to Mass. There is also a very busy health centre on the other side of the road, meaning there is a large number of people crossing even outside of mass times.

To make matters worse, the parking bays set out along Madeira Road mean that those crossing have to step out between parked cars to see if any traffic is approaching. One of these bays is immediately next to the entrance of the church car park, which also blocks line of sight for cars pulling out onto Madeira Road.

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As a result there have been a number of instances of cars pulling out in front of oncoming traffic as they have not been able to see it coming.

Father Malachy believes this is dangerous and could easily cause an accident for both cars and pedestrians, and would like to request that Woking Council urgently look into the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing for Madeira Road, or introducing traffic calming measures, and in addition would like to see the removal of the parking space adjacent to the car park.

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

Madeira Road previously appeared on our Speed Management Plan, which is a list of roads where concerns had been raised about vehicle speeds. However, police monitoring of vehicle speeds did not identify a speeding issue and as a result the road was effectively archived, with the police's limited resources being directed at those roads where there was an identified speeding issue, particularly if it resulted in personal injury collisions.

However, we will shortly be having a meeting to review the Speed Management Plan and we can ask Surrey Police to add Madeira Road to the list of roads in which they will deploy a Speed Data Recorder to monitor vehicle speeds. There has been one personal injury collision in the vicinity of the church in the last 3 year period. Although excessive speed does not appear to have been a factor, the collision did involve a young boy crossing the road who was in collision with a vehicle that was negotiating some parked vehicles. However, there are currently no plans for traffic calming measures along Madeira Road.

We can discuss the possibility of removing some of the nearby parking with our colleagues in the Parking Team.

It is assumed that the request for a pedestrian crossing is referring to either a zebra crossing or one controlled by traffic signals, such as a Puffin crossing. However, without further investigation, it is not clear whether a pedestrian crossing could be accommodated in the vicinity of the church because of the proximity of driveways and accesses on each side of the road. If Members wish for this to be added to the ITS work programme, it can be added and prioritised accordingly.

Whilst there are no plans for a controlled crossing in Madeira Road as part of the proposed Sheer House redevelopment, the crossing points at the crossroads junction with Station Approach are likely to be enhanced although they will remain uncontrolled.