

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)**

**DATE: 12 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**SUBJECT: MEMBER QUESTION**

**DIVISION: REIGATE**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

In order to reduce speeding on Prices Lane, Reigate and minimise danger to the public when crossing the road, is there any possibility of installing appropriate signage and improving sight lines in the vicinity please and can anything be done to correct the signage on the matrix on the buses operated by Metrobus please?

**RESPONSE:**

**Prices Lane**

Prices Lane, Reigate is a residential road subject to a 30mph speed limit, with a number of shops at its eastern end and a playground/community centre at its western end. There are two signal controlled pedestrian crossings on Prices Lane, one just to the east of the junction with Slipshatch Road, and one at the junction with A217 Drovers Green Road. Prices Lane runs into Sandcross Lane just to the west of its junction with Slipshatch Road.

A review of reported personal injury collisions shows that six slight personal injury collisions occurred on Prices Lane during the most recent 3 year period for which data is available (from 01/04/13 to 31/03/16). However Surrey Police did not consider excessive speed to be a contributory factor in any of these six collisions.

Prices Lane is a relatively straight road with generally good visibility. There is a bend in Prices Lane just to the west of the junction with Slipshatch Road, where it runs into Sandcross Lane. However due to large grass verge areas on the inside of the bend, visibility around this bend is good. There is also a signal controlled pedestrian crossing just to the east of the junction with Slipshatch Road, which pedestrians can use to cross Prices Lane away from the bend, in order to access the shops in Slipshatch Road and bus stops on Prices Lane.

Prices Lane is classed as a restricted road under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The system of street lighting in the road indicates to drivers that the speed limit is 30mph. Surrey, as highway authority, has to comply with national regulations covering the signing of speed limits. For a restricted road the 30mph speed limit can only be signed at its terminal points and it is not permitted to use repeater signs or 30mph road markings. For this reason it is not possible to install additional 30mph signs in Prices Road.

There are "Playground" warning signs at the western end of Prices Lane, where the existing playground is hidden from drivers view behind a number of trees and bushes. There are no other pedestrian warning signs in Prices Lane, however the presence of residential properties, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and shops should

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provide visual cues to drivers of the likelihood of pedestrians in the area. Surrey County Council is also carrying out a programme of decluttering in line with Department for Transport guidelines. This is to ensure that road users are not distracted from important information by unnecessary signs, to reduce visual intrusion and to minimise maintenance costs. Therefore there are no plans to install additional signage in Prices Lane.

As the existing visibility on Prices Lane is to current highway design standards, it is unlikely that any proposal to improve visibility on Prices Lane would be prioritised above other schemes that have been identified as requiring funding.

### **Metrobus**

The issue that has been raised regarding the “matrix” signs on Metrobus buses is a Metrobus issue. The Senior Transport Officer (Infrastructure) (SCC), has spoken to the correspondent and advised him that she will raise this with Metrobus to request that they attend to this matter. The officer has also advised that it would be very helpful if any further details could be provided of the exact buses on which the issue occurs so that Metrobus are able to identify the problem and resolve it.