

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 12 DECEMBER 2016



SUBJECT: PETITION – A217 WOODHATCH CROSSROADS, REIGATE

DIVISION: REIGATE

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To consider a petition containing 241 signatures entitled:

"We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to install filter lights for right turns from the A217 at the traffic lights near the Angel in Woodhatch." (Mrs Toni Hand)

Background information:

"Driving southbound on the A217 from Cockshot Hill I often turn right into Prices Lane and wait in the arrowed area for the northbound traffic to stop when their lights are red. Northbound drivers wanting to turn right will stop and flash drivers wanting to turn right, across in to the path of cars going through the green light in the lane on their left. The turning cars have no lights to follow at this stage and cannot tell whether the lights are green or red as they cross, so accidents happen here very easily. If there were filter lights for those turning right off the A217, both northbound and southbound, surely this would make this dangerous situation so much safer".

RESPONSE:

Thank you for sending your petition requesting filter lights for right turns from the A217 at the traffic lights near the angel in Woodhatch to the committee.

The A217 Woodhatch crossroads is located to the south of Reigate and is made up of the A217 Dovers Green Road, the A217 Cockshott Hill, A2044 Woodhatch Road and Prices Lane. The A217 is the main A road providing access to Reigate town centre from the south. Woodhatch Road is a main A road running to the south of Redhill and Reigate, linking the A23 with the A217. It passes through the residential areas of Woodhatch and Rusheatts Farm, and passes the site of Reigate School. Prices Road is a residential road providing access to the residential area of South Park. There are a number of local shops at the A217 Dovers Green Road/Prices Lane/Woodhatch Road junction, which extend into Prices Lane and Woodhatch Road. A local recreation ground is located on the south east corner of the junction. Formal pedestrian crossing facilities are provided on the northern (A217 Cockshott Hill) and western arms (Prices Lane) of the junction.

A review of the recorded personal injury collisions at the A217 Woodhatch Crossroads between 01/07/2013 and 30/06/2016 (the latest 3 year period for which data is available) has been carried out, the data is provided by Surrey Police the results are given in the table below.

Year	Slight	Serious	Fatal	Total
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	2013 (from the beginning of July)	3	0	0	3	
	2014	2	0	0	2	
	2015	3	0	0	3	
	2016 (to end June)	1	0	0	1	
	Total	9	0	0	9	

Of the 9 reported collisions involving slight personal injury, 5 were due to vehicles turning right into Prices Lane colliding with vehicles travelling north on the A217.

The A217 Woodhatch Crossroads is strategically important and has been identified within the Reigate and Banstead Transport Strategy as a congestion hotspot during peak periods. The installation of a right-turn signal for vehicles turning right into Prices Lane and Woodhatch Road would also require a right-turn phase to be included within the traffic signal phasing. This would increase the times that vehicles would have to wait on a red light at this junction, and would therefore lead to increased congestion.

Surrey County Council has also received requests, for a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided in Woodhatch Road, to help pedestrians to cross between the existing recreation ground on the southern side to the shops and Reigate School on the northern side. The installation of a pedestrian crossing facility would also require an additional timing phase, further increasing congestion at this junction.

Due to the number and variety of concerns that have been raised regarding the A217 Woodhatch Crossroads, a scheme to address these concerns is included in the Integrated Transport Scheme List for possible future funding. This junction is strategically important and any scheme requiring changes to this junction would lead to increased congestion. Therefore any changes would require a detailed redesign of the junction increasing the scale of such a scheme beyond the funding that is available to the Local Committee. However, should funding become available for a scheme at this junction, in the future, the views of the petitioners will be taken into account at that time.

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