

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 3 MARCH 2017

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC QUESTION: EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ON
KINGS CROSS LANE, SOUTH NUTFIELD**

DIVISION: GODSTONE



Mrs Elizabeth Butler asks:

I speak on behalf of the residents of Nutfield Park Road, South Nutfield. Nutfield Park Road is a small private cul-de-sac on the south side of Kings Cross Lane, providing access to six residences, four of which are private houses and the other two are homes for disabled persons.

Kings Lodge, previously called Crabhill House, has, over the last few years, been enlarged from a 30 bed holiday home for disabled people, to a complex needs care home which can accommodate 61 residents.

To cope with this number of residents, Kings Lodge generates a huge amount of traffic which includes ambulances, deliveries, staff, visitors, authorities, entertainers, therapists, doctors, etc etc. Also, due to the lack of parking and turning space on the Kings Lodge site, a number of taxis are frequently used. Ambulances call at both homes on a regular basis.

Large vehicles, such as delivery lorries and waste/recycling lorries, have problems turning round at Kings Lodge and often have to reverse down to re-join Kings Cross Lane. This is an accident situation waiting to happen.

On exiting Nutfield Park Road, the visibility splays to the west are kept clear by the landowner, but to the east, Kings Cross Lane has a blind bend and one must be extremely careful when exiting into Kings Cross Lane. The safety situation is often exacerbated by cars being parked on both the north and south side of Kings Cross Lane by people using the Millennium Field for walking their dogs. The parked cars reduce the effective width of the road.

On a daily basis, disabled residents from both homes are taken, subject to weather, for walks along Kings Cross Lane. There is no footpath on this section of Kings Cross Lane and fast moving traffic presents a real danger. Many of these residents are in wheel chairs and have to remain on the road surface as there are soft verges or ditches immediately adjacent to the carriageway.

I am here today to ask you to consider extending the 30mph limit from the electricity substation on Kings Cross Lane to the junction with Coopers Hill Road, a distance of approximately 600 metres. It has also been suggested that either a flashing 30mph sign be erected east of the last house in Kings Cross Lane, to remind drivers to slow down or at the very least, provide a 'Slow Concealed Turning' sign.

Please consider this request on safety grounds. Please also see attached map of location.

Response:

Kings Cross Lane in South Nutfield is a single carriageway 2 lane road between Coopers Hill Road and Bower Hill Lane; it provides access to the south and west of South Nutfield.

At its eastern end Kings Cross Lane is rural in nature, with fields and a small number of private accesses including Nufield Park Road. This section of Kings Cross Lane is subject to a 40mph speed limit. Approximately 650m west of it's junction with Coopers Hill Road, Kings Cross Lane enters the main area built up area of South Nutfield with properties on both sides of the road, at this point Kings Cross Lane is subject to a 30mph speed limit. Kings Cross Lane continues to the west of South Nutfield, where it joins Clay Lane at the junction with Bower Hill Lane.

A review of the personal injury collisions recorded by Surrey Police, shows that there has been no reported collisions along the existing 40mph section of Kings Cross Lane from November 2013 to the end of October 2016 (the latest 3 year period for which data is available).

Surrey County Council does not hold any speed data for Kings Cross Lane. In December 2016 Tandridge Local Committee allocated £2,500 of their 2017/18 revenue budget to fund speed surveys, which are carried out using automatic traffic count equipment over a continuous 7 day period to comply with Surrey's Speed Limit Policy. Kings Cross Lane will be added to the list of roads to be assessed in Tandridge. Once the location for the survey site has been identified and agreed with Surrey Police, the surveys will be ordered. It should be noted that speed surveys should not be carried out if the results would be affected by other factors e.g. adverse weather conditions, or school holiday periods as this can lead to unrepresentative traffic speeds being recorded.

The results of the speed surveys will be reported to the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Member. If measured mean speeds comply with Surrey's Policy "Setting Local Speed Limits" for a speed limit reduction to 30mph on Kings Cross Lane, between the existing 30mph speed limit and the junction with Coopers Hill Road, then a decision can be taken as to whether this speed limit reduction can be added to the list of schemes for consideration for future Local Committee funding.

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