

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)**

**DATE: 13 MARCH 2017**

**LEAD OFFICER: SYLVIA CARTER – COMMITTEE MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: PETITIONS SUBMITTED**

**DIVISIONS: CHERTSEY, EGHAM HYTHE**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To receive two petitions submitted for consideration by the Local Committee, from:

- Parents and staff of Thorpe Lea School in Egham Hythe, calling for improved road safety measures on the approach to the school (89 signatories);
- Employees of F5 Networks office located in London Street, Chertsey, who have submitted a Parking Review request for additional double yellow lines either side of the entrance/exit from their building (150 signatures).

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to agree that:**

- (i) Both petitions are investigated and responses presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee in July 2017.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

To address the issues raised by the residents and businesses in a considered and timely manner and to respond effectively.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 Two petitions have been submitted to the Local Committee by the deadline of 14 days before the meeting. On this occasion, there is insufficient time for officers to investigate the issues raised in the petitions before the Committee meets, so the petitions will be presented to the meeting but detailed responses will be considered at the subsequent meeting.

**2. Petition 1 from Thorpe Lea School**

- 2.1 The petition is worded as follows:  
“We the undersigned parents and carers of children attending Thorpe Lea Primary School, hereby vehemently demand that Surrey County Council put safety measures in place in the vicinity of the school immediately in order to reduce the risk of accidents and to make the approach to school feel safer for all children and adults alike. Thank you.”
- 2.2 The petition has been signed by 89 individuals, and was initially delayed in reaching Surrey County Council but was obtained by the committee officer in February 2017, following receipt of a supporting letter from the Head of Governors at Thorpe Lea School (attached at **Annex A**).
- 2.3 The document - Surrey County Council’s Road Safety Outside Schools policy approved in 2014 - is attached for information (**Annex B**).

**3. Petition 2 from F5 Networks, Chertsey**

- 3.1 The facilities manager for F5 Networks Limited of Chertsey Gate West, 43-47 London Street, Chertsey has written to Surrey County Council with a parking request signed by 150 employees of the company. He noted that a fatal road traffic accident took place immediately outside their building in May 2016 and that this prompted additional concern for safety:

“We would like to make you aware of the issue with parking close to the exit for our office which makes visibility very poor when exiting to the main road [London St, Chertsey], at present there are single yellow lines that run either side of the office exit, to the right it only runs for approx. 15-30m with a parking restriction that applies Monday-Saturday 8am – 6pm, which we do not believe is currently enforced. With the nature of our business our office hours are 7am to 9pm Monday – Saturday so we believe these restrictions are not safe or fit for purpose.

F5 Networks believe these lines should be changed to double yellow lines either side of the exit to try and resolve and manage the safety/visibility issues while exiting our office within our working hours.”

**4. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 4.1 Responses to both petitions received will be provided at the next meeting of the Committee on 3 July 2017. The parking request will be evaluated as part of the programme of site visits for the Runnymede Parking Review in Spring 2017.

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**Annexes:**

A: Letter from the Head of Governors at Thorpe Lea School

B: Road Safety Outside Schools policy, Surrey County Council 2014.

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**Sources/background papers:**

None

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