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31 October 2016

Dear Resident,

RE: Closure of Celia Crescent Ashford to through Traffic

Following a review of the closure options please find attached an updated version of the questionnaire to be completed and returned. Please ignore the previous correspondence.

On 26th September 2016 a resident of Celia Crescent presented a petition to Surrey County Council's Local Committee for Spelthorne on behalf of 77 concerned residents, raising a number of Highways related concerns. Among these concerns was a call for measures to prevent Celia Crescent being used as a through route for drivers avoiding the traffic lights at the junction of Kingston Road and Woodthorpe Road. The petition cited concerns over the speed and volume of traffic, antisocial driver behaviour, and a disregard for the no-entry signs at the exit from Fordbridge Park.

It was suggested to Committee that a possible solution would be to close Celia Crescent to vehicular traffic at some point between its junctions with Kingston Road and Woodthorpe Road. This would prevent drivers using this section of Celia Crescent to avoid the traffic signals at the junction of Kingston Road and Woodthorpe Road, which has led to a higher level of traffic than if just used for residential access.

Depending on which location was used in Celia Crescent for the closure it would have differering effects on the residents. Therefore it has been agreed to consult with all the residents of Celia Crescent to gauge support for the suggested closure, and to identify a preferred location for a possible closure.

If residents were to be supportive there would be two legal ways to introduce a closure:

- A **permanent** traffic regulation order would be advertised with a 4 week objection period, and if there were no significant objections would be introduced as a permanent change in the months following the close of the objection period. In this case a separate legal process would be needed to remove the closure once it had been installed. The permanent legal route is faster overall, but less flexible.

- An **experimental** traffic regulation order would enable the closure to be deployed within a few weeks using temporary barriers, with an objection period of 6 months. The Local Committee would need to decide whether to remove the closure or make it permanent within 18 months. No separate legal process would be needed to remove the closure during the experimental period, if the community felt that it had not worked. The experimental legal route is more flexible, but slower overall.

Please could you let us know your views by completing the form overleaf, and returning it the prepaid envelope provided by **18 November 2016**. We would also be grateful if you could indicate your preferred location for the closure on the map. If you have any general comments on this suggestion, please let us know in the space provided.

The results of this survey will be presented to Surrey County Council's Local Committee for Spelthorne. It is this Local Committee who will decide whether or not to go ahead with the closure, taking into account the results of this initial consultation.

There is no suggestion to close Celia Crescent to pedestrians, cyclists, or equestrians.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Healey
Area Highways Manager
Surrey Highways



Please complete this form and return in the prepaid envelope by **18 November 2016**

Name Date

Address
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Are you the owner of this property (please circle one)Yes No

Please indicate whether you are an occupier and you are responding to this consultation on behalf of the property owner (please circle one)

.....Yes No

Please circle one option.

Option 1: physical barrier on Celia Crescent at the junction with Woodthorpe Road.

Option 2 : physical barrier on section of Celia Crescent with a junction with Woodthorpe Road at a point between the turning to 9-36 Celia Crescent and that of 1-8 Celia Crescent.

Option 3 : physical barrier on Celia Crescent at the junction with Kingston Road.

Option 4 : No restriction.

Option 5: Your suggestion of an alternative location for a closure(Please also indicate location on the attached map).

Please indicate whether you would prefer a permanent or experimental closure by circling your preferred choice below.

Permanent / Experimental

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