

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2017

SUBJECT: A25 - Nutfield High street

DIVISION: GODSTONE



Peter Forbes asks;

Please can some consideration be given by Surrey Highways to installing traffic calming measures to reduce the speed of large HGVs when travelling through Nutfield High St.

The lowered speed limit to 40mph either side of the village boundary has helped to reduce vehicle speeds during busier times, but some HGVs are still travelling too fast when the roads are clear.

Residents have reported serious concerns regarding HGVs travelling dangerously fast through the village and one resident has suffered repeated damage to their family car whilst parked legally in the designated bays close to the Queens Head public house. Residents maintain that this narrow stretch of road is unsuitable for such a high flow of large vehicles.

The road narrows to less than 5m at one point which is not wide enough for large trucks to pass each other.

There are frequent incidents involving damage caused to cars parked on this stretch of highway and there have also been reported damage to nearby property when drivers of HGVs have misjudged the passing distance.

Residents of Nutfield would be grateful if some action could be taken to make all drivers aware of the dangerous narrowing which occurs along Nutfield High St and some calming measures implemented to slow vehicles to a suitable speed so drivers can accurately judge whether they can safely pass oncoming vehicles.

Response:

The A25 High Street, Nutfield is the main road forms part of the principal road network, and Officers acknowledge that large volumes of traffic, including HGVs use this route. One of the County Council's strategic objectives is economic prosperity. Part of this objective involves ensuring that road links are in place to enable businesses to operate effectively. For this reason there are no plans to restrict the number of HGVs using the A25 through Nutfield.

Measures to reduce traffic speeds on the A25 in Nutfield is one of the schemes listed in the December 2017 annex to the Local Transport Strategy. This annex can be downloaded from the web page at the address below:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-and-transport-policies-plans-and-consultations/surrey-transport-plan/surrey-transport-plan-consultations-on-the-plan/local-transport-strategies-and-forward-programmes>

However there is no funding currently available for this scheme, and given the current budgetary position there is unlikely to be funding available in the immediate future.

There is an existing yellow backed road narrows sign on the High Street adjacent to the war memorial to warn eastbound traffic of the narrow section of road. However there is no equivalent warning sign for westbound traffic. Officers will arrange for a yellow backed road narrows sign to be provided to warn westbound traffic of the narrow section of road in the 2018/19 financial year, subject to funding. The limited funding available for the provision of new signs in the 2017/18 financial year has already been committed elsewhere.

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