

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 20 APRIL 2018

SUBJECT: PETITION – Crossing on A22 at Blindley Heath

DIVISION: GODSTONE

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To consider a petition – by Alice Humphrey.

We, the undersigned, request to have a pedestrian crossing built in Blindley heath preferably near the church and nursery, as its close to local businesses, the nursery, church and houses.

'Living in Blindley Heath for the past couple of years. I have seen the A22 become more and more dangerous. There is no where to safely to cross the road, if you wish to use the lovely park, go to church or use the church hall, or if you're a parent and you want to walk your child to nursery. I have also seen older children rushing across the road to catch the bus with some near misses! I don't think it's right we have to wait for a fatality to show proof that we need a pedestrian crossing. I think it's our right as community to offer us a safe place to cross.'

RESPONSE:

The A22 forms part of the strategic road network and runs through Tandridge from Caterham in the north to Felbridge in the south. It is a single carriageway two lane road where it runs through Blindley Heath. The speed limit of the A22 Eastbourne Road in Blindley Heath is 40mph.

There is a continuous footway on the east side of the A22 in Blindley Heath, and a footway on the west side of the road between the northern arm of Featherstone and the southern entrance to systems house. The A22 is a heavily trafficked road, which Officers acknowledge can be difficult to cross during busy periods.

A review has been carried out of reported personal injury collisions between December 2014 and November 2017 on the section of the A22 Eastbourne Road detailed above that has footways on both sides. Pedestrians will typically cross the road from footway to footway. During this period there were two collisions that resulted in slight injury and one collision that resulted in serious injury. One of the two slight injury collisions involved a pedestrian.

The Department for Transport provides guidance about which types are crossing are appropriate on roads with differing traffic speeds. The traffic speeds on the A22 in Blindley Heath indicate that a signalised pedestrian crossing would be the most appropriate type of crossing at this location.

It is proposed that a scheme to provide a signalised pedestrian crossing on the A22 Eastbourne Road in the vicinity of St John's Church be added to the

Integrated Transport Schemes list for consideration for future funding. However, given current funding levels such a scheme is unlikely to be progressed for many years. The cost of such a crossing significantly exceeds the total annual budget for such schemes in the Tandridge area. Schemes of this nature are not currently prioritised for external developer funding through the Community Infrastructure Levy.

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