

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM & EWELL)

DATE: 25 June 2018
 SUBJECT: **Petition to:** Place railings outside the metro bank and Lester Bowden's on Waterloo Road(A24)
 DIVISION: Epsom Town & Downs

PETITION DETAILS:

This road has been known for tragic accidents and it is such a dangerous crossing, there should be railings down that road to prevent anymore road traffic accidents and to stop people from crossing the road when they are not at the traffic lights. This road has caused some very sad accidents and this should be prevented. I believe by placing railings down that road it will make the public cross at the crossing when the green man is visible therefore preventing further tragedies for drivers and the public as that road can be sadly life changing.

60 Signatures – Lead Petitioner, Samantha Hawkins

OFFICER RESPONSE:

The junction of A24 High Street \ Waterloo Road \ Ashley Road (locally known as the Spread Eagle junction is the main 'cross roads' within the town centre and caters for some 32,000 weekday and over 40,000 Saturday pedestrian movements, compared to around 22,000 vehicular movements.

It is acknowledged that the Spread Eagle junction has a poor road safety record and this in part is due to observed poor pedestrian behaviour to cross diagonally and make use of the refuge islands, rather than using the existing crossing facilities. However, planned safety improvements are due to be implemented this year as part of Phase B of the Epsom Plan E Highway Improvements scheme currently under construction in the town centre.

The current Highway improvements scheme includes plans to reconfigure South Street to two way working to help reduce the number of right turning vehicles at the Spread Eagle junction from the High Street into Ashley Road. Recent observations have revealed that over 200 vehicles each hour between 0700-19:00 hrs are making this right turn, which is currently not under traffic signal control and is the main issue at this location.

The reduction in right turning vehicles provides the opportunity to implement the following changes at the Spread Eagle junction to improve road safety including the:

- Removal of the existing large traffic island and provide a straight across pedestrian crossing facility across High Street (W);

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- Build-out of the kerb (Metrobank corner) to increase footway width and reduce crossing width distance across Ashley Road;
- Retain existing pedestrian crossing facilities across High Street (E);
- Retain existing pedestrian crossing facilities across Waterloo Road,
- Removal of the uncontrolled right turn give way and provision of new Traffic Signal control of the right turn from High Street (W) into Ashley Road;
- Provide new Pedestrian Countdown at Traffic Signals (PCATS) signal equipment - to warn pedestrians how long they have until the traffic signals change;
- Carriageway resurfacing

The planned physical modifications and operational arrangements at the junction as shown in **Annex A** attached, to improve facilities for pedestrians is expected to reduce the likelihood of further collisions and risk of conflict between pedestrians and vehicles at this location.

Given the proposed full traffic signal control of the junction the need for additional Pedestrian Guard Rail (PGR) for the proposed junction modifications is not required at this location.

The current programme confirms that the improvements works at the Spread Eagle junction will commence this September, but is dependent upon the opening of South Street to two-way traffic at the end of August to be able to provide an alternative diversion route for right turning traffic at the Spread Eagle to ensure that the junction can still accommodate other town centre vehicular and pedestrian movements whilst the improvements take place.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) To note that as part of the ongoing Plan E Town Centre Highway Improvements works, that the proposed modifications to the Spread Eagle junction, including the removal of the uncontrolled right turn give way and provision of a new Traffic Signal controlled right turn from High Street (W) into Ashley Road and other associated measures will be implemented this year to improve facilities for pedestrians and reduce the likelihood of collisions and the risk of conflict between pedestrians and vehicles at this location without the need for additional Pedestrian Guard Rail.

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