

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**  
**DATE:** 22 JUNE 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Public Question  
**DIVISION:** CATERHAM VALLEY



On behalf of Caterham Valley Parish Council, Parish Councillor Nicole Morrigan asks:

Based on residents feedback, we would ask that the following issues are addressed by Tandridge DC and Surrey CC

- a. The traffic lights on Godstone Road opposite the Miller Centre and St. Johns Church be upgraded to a Pelican Crossing and that a yellow hatch box be painted on Godstone Road by Clareville Road to stop parking which is currently blocking traffic.
- b. that a pelican crossing be constructed on Croydon Road at the end of Beechwood Road

The above sites are considered by the Parish Council to be spots for potentially serious accidents and we would ask that they are addressed as a matter of priority.

**Response:**

- a. Traffic lights at junction of Godstone Road and Clareville Road.

The B2030 Godstone Road in Caterham links the A22 Caterham Bypass with The Square in Caterham Valley town centre. Clareville Road joins Godstone Road at a set of traffic lights a short distance to the south of The Square. Drivers leaving the Church Walk Shopping Centre car park do so onto Clareville Road. Clareville Road is a two-way road between Godstone Road and the shopping centre car park exit, it becomes one-way south westbound beyond this point.

Officers have investigated the history of reported personal injury collisions in the vicinity of the junction, for the period January 2015 to March 2018 (the latest dates for which data is available). During this period there has been one collision involving serious injury and one collision involving slight injury. The collision involving serious injury occurred when a pedestrian's foot was run over when crossing the road.

It is acknowledged that there is no pedestrian phase on the traffic lights at the junction of Godstone Road and Clareville Gardens. It should be noted that changes to these traffic signals to include a pedestrian phase would lead to a longer time with the traffic lights at red, and therefore to increased traffic congestion in Caterham Valley. It would be necessary to carry out a feasibility study to assess the impact of providing pedestrian facilities at this junction.

## ITEM 5

The South East Area Highway Team receives large numbers of requests for road safety measures on the public highway network, and has very limited funding for such measures. The cost of changing these traffic signals to include a pedestrian phase is likely to exceed the annual funding available to Tandridge Local Committee for Integrated Transport Schemes. Officers will approach Tandridge District Council to request whether the feasibility of including pedestrian facilities at this junction could be considered as part of the Caterham Masterplan proposals.

The Parish Council has requested that a yellow box junction be provided at the junction of Godstone Road and Clareville Gardens. It is acknowledged that traffic queuing back from the roundabout at the junction of Godstone Road and Croydon Road can block this junction during busy periods.

Both yellow box junctions and keep clear markings are road markings that can be used where queuing vehicles from one junction blocks back across another, and both can be effective at keeping junctions clear. Yellow box junctions are enforceable by the Police, whereas Keep Clear markings are advisory only. The Police have been informally consulted on the request for a yellow box junction at this location. They have limited resources for enforcement, and have advised that the enforcement of a yellow box junction at this location would not be a policing priority. As the Police are not able to prioritise the enforcement of a yellow box junction at this location a Keep Clear marking would be just as effective. It is therefore proposed to lay a Keep Clear marking at this location when funding is available.

- b. Request for Pedestrian Crossing on Croydon Road in the vicinity of Beechwood Road

The B2208 Croydon Road links the A22 at Wapses Lodge roundabout in the north to The Square at Caterham Valley town centre in the south. Beechwood Road is a residential road that joins Croydon Road approximately 0.7km north of The Square.

Officers have investigated the history of reported personal injury collisions in the vicinity of the junction of Beechwood Road and Croydon Road, for the period January 2015 to March 2018 (the latest dates for which data is available). During this period there have been no reported collisions involving personal injury in this vicinity.

There are two existing pedestrian refuge islands on Croydon Road close to Beechwood Road. One of these islands is 55m to the north of Beechwood Road and the other is 25m to the south of Beechwood Road.

There are many more requests for schemes than there is funding available. The cost of design and construction of a signalised pedestrian crossing is significantly in excess of the funding currently available to the Local Committee for Integrated Transport Schemes. The location of the two pedestrian islands taken together with the collision history at this location means that the provision of a signalised pedestrian crossing is unlikely to be prioritised over requests for similar crossings where there is no existing provision for pedestrians.

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