

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



SURREY

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 05 SEPTEMBER 2018
 SUBJECT: PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES NR POVEY CROSS,
 HOOKWOOD
 DIVISION: DORKING RURAL

PETITION DETAILS:

Petition submitted by the Hookwood Residents' Society calling for action in respect of parking and other traffic issues in the vicinity of Bluebird House, Povey Cross, Hookwood.

RESPONSE:

1. Does BM Performance and MD Autobahn have permission from Highways to display their signs on Highways land Povey Cross side?
 - Surrey County Council has produced guidance to provide a reasonable balance between commercial needs and highway users' needs, in relation to advertising on the highway. Surrey County Council's Local Highways Officer will carry out an inspection to ensure that any advertising on the highway meets with the Council's guidance.

2. The Strategy and Support Manager, MVDC has spoken with the HGV Companies that deliver to Bluebird House. It has been confirmed that it is dangerous and an unsafe practice for the HGV's to park, load/unload in Hookwood. For this reason, the residents are demanding a weight restriction on the Reigate Road.
 - The installation of a weight restriction on the Reigate Road would require an "except for access" exception to be applied, in order to enable businesses in Reigate Road to receive deliveries. Therefore a weight restriction on Reigate Road would not prevent HGV's from parking, loading or unloading in Reigate Road, Hookwood. It is understood that the SCC's parking team have met with the petitioner on site, following this meeting the parking team have put forward a proposal to try to reduce inconsiderate parking and loading at the junction of Malcolm Gardens and Reigate Road. This can be seen on drawing no.55 of the parking review report that has been submitted to this Local Committee. The proposals include 'No loading at any time' restrictions on the Reigate Road/Malcolm Gardens junction and a full time loading bay on Reigate Road, to alleviate the problems experienced with loading.

3. The residents are requesting a raised kerb around the "No Parking" area (next to the car wash) and bollards be put in place to prevent parking/blocking the sight line and the public footpath.
 - The installation of a raised kerb and bollards, will not prevent the parking/blocking of the sight line and the public footpath. This is because drivers will still be able to access the footpath to park by using the existing dropped kerb access to the car wash. However,

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the proposed “No loading at any time” restrictions on the Reigate Road/Malcolm Gardens junction could alleviate the problems caused by parking in this area.

4. White lines are required to define the public footpath along Bluebird House as at the moment this blends into the parking bays.

- Surrey County Council are only permitted to install markings on the public highway if they are in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 document. There are no lines in the regulations that can be used to define the edge of the public footpath. White lines are only installed on the public highway to define the edge of the carriageway along roads where there are no footpaths present. The existing high kerbs located next to the parking bays are a sufficient indicator to drivers of the boundary between the footpath and the carriageway.

5. The residents are requesting a chicane on the Reigate Road, due to the speed of traffic.

- Surrey County Council receive a large number of requests for measures to be installed on the highway to reduce vehicle speeds, and the number of requests received vastly outweighs the funding available. Therefore, funding for such measures is prioritised where their introduction would achieve the greatest benefit in terms of helping to reduce the number of personal injury collisions. Surrey County Council hold personal injury collision data for traffic collisions, this information is provided by Surrey Police and shows that there has been no personal injury collisions in Reigate Road (between the junctions of the A217 Reigate Road and Povey Cross Road) over the most recent 3 year period for which data is available (from 01/07/15 to 30/06/18). Therefore the introduction of chicanes on Reigate Road would not be prioritised for funding from the limited funding available for such measures.

- Surrey County Council does take concerns about road safety seriously and road collisions across the County are continually monitored. If there should be any significant change or increase in the pattern of collisions then the matter would be referred to the relevant Road Safety Working Group for action to be determined. This group consists of Road Safety experts from both Surrey Police and the County Council as well as engineers from Surrey Highways.

- Concerns regarding vehicle speeds can also be raised with Surrey Police, who are responsible for the enforcement of the existing speed limit, on their non-emergency 101 number.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the officer’s comment.

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