

**Surrey County Council
Local Committee In Epsom & Ewell
11 March 2013**

PETITION 1:

B284 Hook Road, Epsom – Provision of zebra crossing

Received from Fahim Ahmed, containing 128 Signatures from users of the Islamic centre.

A petition has been received requesting the installation of a zebra crossing in Hook Road, Epsom to facilitate crossing to and from the Epsom and Ewell Islamic Centre. There are over 600 members of the Epsom & Ewell Islamic Society who visit the centre for prayers up to five times a day. In addition to this, there are around 120 children (aged 8 and above) who use the facilities every weekend. Hook road is located in a very built up area with above average traffic as a result of being one of the main routes to the recycling centre, industrial estate and various commercial business centres on Longmead Road.

Officer Response:

The B284 Hook Road links the A24 and the Longmead Business Park. Hook Road can be a busy road at times, heavily used by all traffic but particularly by HGVs accessing the Recycling Centre in Blenheim Road. There are existing traffic signal controlled crossings at either end of Hook Road. One is 250m north of the Islamic Centre near Pound Lane, and one is 230m south of the centre near Chase Road.

The Islamic Centre is located opposite the northern arm of Miles Road. There are double yellow lines around the junction of Hook Road and Miles Road. The remaining road space in Miles Road, although clear of waiting restrictions, has very limited parking space due to the number of vehicle crossovers (driveways) and parked cars belonging to residents, commuters or people working in the town centre. Therefore there is limited opportunity within Miles Road for visitors to the Islamic Centre to park.

Visitors approaching on foot along Hook Road are able to cross at the alternative traffic signal controlled crossings on Hook Road if they are approaching from either side of the Islamic Centre. Site observations suggest that demand to cross Hook Road outside the Islamic Centre is limited.

From an engineering point of view, there is only one location where a zebra crossing could be located outside the Islamic Centre due to the positions of vehicle crossovers to properties on Hook Road. In theory a zebra crossing could be located outside 102 Hook Road. However this is very close to the junction with Miles Road, which would put pedestrians using the zebra crossing in conflict with vehicles turning left out of Miles Road. A crossing in this location would also necessitate the removal of the existing parking bay for approximately 3 cars due to the space needed for the crossing and the associated zig zag road markings.

It is not recommended to promote a new zebra crossing at this location at the present time.