

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)



DATE: 4 October 2018
 SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ISLAND AT THE JUNCTION OF GREEN LANE AND
 CHERTSEY ROAD
 DIVISION: BAGSHOT, WINDLESHAM AND CHOBHAM

PETITION DETAILS:

A petition has been received from the residents of Green Lane, Chobham. The petition contains 28 signatures which represents the majority of residents of this small cul-de-sac. The petition was received via a Parking Scheme Request Template that was sent to Surrey County Council's Parking Team and the wording of the request / petition is;

“Restricted parking (double yellow lines) at Green Lane entrance, ‘Keep Left’ island at the entrance to Green Lane”

RESPONSE:

Green Lane emerges onto the A319 Chertsey Road at the eastern end of Watts Farm Parade, where there are a number of shops and food outlets. There is also a garage selling used cars at the eastern end of this parade of shops.



The plan above shows Chertsey Road running east away from High Street / Windsor Road. Green Lane is the ‘L’ shaped road on the south side of Chertsey Road at the right hand side of the plan.

The following plan shows the Green Lane / Chertsey Road in closer detail, along with Watts Farm Parade.



The double yellow lines that have been requested have been approved and are being advertised.

The problem that residents of Green Lane are experiencing comes from vehicles turning in from Chertsey Road onto the exit side of the junction. In the following photograph, Green Lane can be seen in the distance and vehicles are turning from Chertsey Road over Green Lane's give way lines (the double row of broken white lines);



Members may be aware that a one way system was recently introduced into Watts Farm Parade, with the direction of travel being from the Green Lane end, westwards towards Barnmead. This direction was chosen because the existing traffic island at the end of Barnmead would make access for larger vehicles much more difficult. Some lorries would not be able to turn into Barnmead and then into Watts Farm Parade. This island can be seen below;



In additional correspondence, the petitioner advised that the problem that residents are experiencing has been made worse by the introduction of the one-way system and it is true that all vehicles should now be entering Watts Farm

Parade from the Green Lane end whereas previously some of these vehicles would have entered from Barnmead.

Introducing an island into the mouth of Green Lane would be similarly restrictive as the one in Barnmead and vehicle tracking software, which models the “swept path” of vehicle movements, shows that any island would prevent access into Watts Farm Parade for larger vehicles. It is acknowledged that certain deliveries to the establishments in Watts Farm Parade are made with the vehicles parking on Chertsey Road but this cannot be taken as a reason to introduce an island that would physically prevent access to the Parade. It should be remembered that whilst the Barnmead island restricted access to Watts Farm Parade for larger vehicles when the Parade was two-way, it did not deny access because these vehicles could still get in from the other end.

The existing on-street parking at the Green Lane junction is likely to be exacerbating the problem of vehicles entering on the wrong side of the junction. Any parking will tend to cause vehicles entering from Chertsey Road to be further into the junction and the introduction of double yellow lines should improve the situation. Although a physical island is not appropriate, it may be possible to amend the existing lining at the junction to influence the line that drivers take when entering the road. A “virtual island”, created with white lining material, might be possible and officers can investigate this further. The cost of any such changes would be funded from the Surrey Heath revenue budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note that a physical traffic island is inappropriate in this location but that some changes to the existing lining will be investigated and implemented if appropriate.

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