



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S  
LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

**PETITION**

**1 March 2013**

A petition has been received bearing 81 signatures from residents living on Drivers Mead in Lingfield requesting that Surrey County Council consider widening the road and removing the verges to increasing parking for residents.

**Local Committee response:**

Drivers Mead is a cul-de-sac that leads west from East Grinstead Road and then turns north. It is a residential road with limited on street parking and verges between the carriageway and footway. The road is not wide enough for vehicles to park on both sides, and vehicles customarily park on the south and east side of the road. Many properties have off street parking which further limits the amount of on street parking available.

Many of the verges on the north and west side of Drivers Mead have sustained significant damage from vehicles both driving and parking on them. They are exceedingly muddy and rutted. The exceptionally wet weather over the past several months has exacerbated the situation.

It is requested that the road is widened, the verges removed, and the grass verge on the bend outside nos. 53 to 56 is turned into additional parking. This proposal would be very costly, and regrettably is not a realistic prospect given current funding levels. In addition if the road were to be widened it may well result in increased traffic speeds, which would not be desirable.

It is proposed that the verges are levelled and topsoil laid and sown with grass seed. Posts will be installed across the verge outside nos. 53 to 56, between the telegraph pole at the edge of the carriageway and the footway. These posts will provide a barrier to prevent vehicles driving across the verge.

The Divisional County Councillor will arrange a meeting with Tandridge District Council, County Highways and the Police to see what further steps may be taken to improve the access and the parking on this Road and Drivers Close, while preserving the safety and amenity.

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