

**GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**



GUILDFORD JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

SUBJECT: PETITION

**DIVISION/
WARD(S)**

AFFECTED: GUILDFORD SOUTH WEST, FRIARY & ST NICOLAS

PETITION DETAILS:

I am writing to request that the enclosed petition be considered at the next local committee meeting. The petition requests the installation of a modal filter on Denzil Road in Guildford to prevent cut-through motor traffic.

Some context and the details of the proposal are set out below.

Background

Denzil Road is a residential road near Guildford town centre. Denzil Road, along with neighbouring Ludlow Road / Genyn Road, are frequently used as a cut through by car drivers, particularly when other surrounding roads, such as Guildford Park Road, are congested. Vehicle speeds, are often too high and the level of motor traffic is not suitable for such a narrow residential road. The motor traffic presents a significant danger, particularly for young people. Queuing traffic, particularly at the Southern end of Denzil Road, brings with it poor air quality and health risks.

Over 41 people have so far signed the petition supporting a request to close Denzil Road to through motor traffic (see Annex A). Signatures are still being collected. This demonstrates the level of support for the proposal which is set out in more detail below.

The proposal

It is proposed that a modal filter be installed across Denzil Road, at some point on the stretch of Denzil Road between the Genyn Road and Upperton Road junctions (see image B1). The modal filter would stop motor cars passing through the road but would enable cycles to pass.

This would create in effect a 'U' shaped road formed of Ludlow Road, Genyn Road and the northern half of Denzil Road. An 'L' shaped road would also be formed from the Southern end of Denzil Road and Farnham Road. This arrangement would mean that each house is still accessible by car and would allow waste collection and delivery services to operate as normal without the need for difficult manoeuvres and reversing.

Two options for the position of the modal filter are envisaged (see images C1 and C2). No car parking spaces would be lost. It may even be possible to increase the number of spaces (such as outside 24-46 Denzil Road), which would be of additional benefit to residents.

Examples of possible modal filter designs can be found in Annex D. This shows how the modal filter could be combined with other features such as trees, bringing additional benefits.

This represents a low cost way of creating a safe, pleasant, street environment that would make the area covered by Denzil Road, Ludlow Road, Genyn Road and Upperton Road area a safer, more healthy, place. The area would become a cycle and pedestrian-friendly route linking the university to the town centre.

This proposal is well aligned with the principles of the Town Centre Vision and Master Plan.

It is proposed that the committee consider a pilot closure as a first step with a view to making it permanent if the pilot is successful.

Next steps

Having discussed this issue with Councillors Furniss and Goodwin, I understand that such proposals should be brought to the attention of the Local Committee. I understand that there is a meeting of the Local Committee (now the Guildford Joint Committee) on Wednesday 19 September. I would be very grateful if you could add this item to the agenda for that meeting.

Your sincerely,

Max Jamieson

Annex A: Scanned copy of signed petition (hard copy available)

Annex B: Map showing position of proposed modal filter

- Image B1: Map showing indicative position of proposed modal filter

Annex C: Images of Denzil Road

- Image C1: Image of Denzil Road looking North
- Image C2: Image of Denzil Road looking South

Annex D: Examples of modal filter designs

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Image D1



Image D2:



Image D3:



Image D4:



Image D5:



RESPONSE:

The Committee would like to thank Mr Jamieson for presenting the petition to investigate the possibility of closing Denzil Road at a point between its junctions with Genyn Road and Upperton Road to through traffic.

The SCC officers have noted the proposal and the petition. A full response will be presented at the next Guildford Joint Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) *Note the officer's comment.*

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