



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

PETITION

1 March 2013

A petition has been received bearing 249 signatures.

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to look at ways to redirect HGVs away from unsuitable local village roads in the Lingfield Division area by ensuring that there is a strategic route network for freight movement so that HGVs are required to use suitable main roads and not use minor roads as short cuts.

The size and length of these vehicles damage already distressed road surfaces and given their length and inflexibility are unable to negotiate the many tight bends without straddling the centre lines and hence reducing the width of an already narrow adjacent carriageway thus narrowing the road for others with risk to oncoming vehicles particularly on corners. There is unsightly mess to verges as they do not bend round corners and the inevitable inability for two vehicles to pass in opposite directions. There was recently an accident in Moor Lane, Dormansland, which involved an HGV and a private car. It happened at a sharp and narrow bend and the lorry could not make the corner without straddling the centre line and severely damaging a car. Fortunately no one was hurt, but the lorry drove on as, presumably, the driver was blissfully unaware of the damage he caused. Is this is not an example of why these juggernauts should be redirected away from our country roads before someone is seriously hurt? The present situation cannot be allowed to continue and it cannot be long before a serious injury is caused. Where is "Health and Safety" when it is REALLY needed?

Local Committee response:

The committee acknowledges the concerns of residents relating to HGV activities in the Lingfield division and proposes the following course of action to determine the scale of the problem and possible solutions.

It is proposed to hold discussions and work with local residents and the Parish council to identify the key HGV hotspots in the area and the time of day/day of the week when the problems occur.

Residents will be asked to log lorry movements through the area over a four week period in order to determine whether there are any regular HGV traffic patterns trends and/ or specific sector transgressors. The attached *Lorry Incident Reporting Form* can be used for recording this information.

A review of the adequacy of lorry signing over a wider area will be carried out to identify any routing gaps and potential improvements.

The county council will use the residents' feedback to inform detailed HGV surveys which may include: recording HGV sector and type at the junctions between the A22 and the B2028 and B2029 and intersections with other routes in Lingfield and Dormansland.

A report will be brought back to a future committee with recommendations for further action. Subject to the analysis of the surveys these actions could include: improving lorry signing to longer distance and local destinations; contacting specific operators at problem destinations to encourage them to use preferred routes; HGV restrictions on routes through Lingfield and Dormansland (subject to there being suitable alternative routes for HGV's and local access needs). "Unsuitable for HGVs" signing may be appropriate on some very minor roads but we only consider these on routes where HGV's are regularly getting stuck.

LORD HGV/Lorry Incident Report Form

Incident Date		Incident Time																		
Haulage Company		HGV registration																		
Road Name/Number																				
Town/Area																				
Description:																				
Lorry or HGV size (circle or mark as appropriate)																				
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