

# SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



## LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 30 November 2018  
 SUBJECT: Petition – Install a pedestrian crossing on Burntwood Lane, Caterham  
 DIVISION: Caterham Hill and Caterham Valley

### **PETITION DETAILS:**

A petition containing 430 signatures requests:

We the undersigned are concerned about how dangerous Burntwood Lane is for pedestrians, particularly school children crossing the road. We have also heard of several accidents whereby children have been knocked down as they try to cross. We are forever hearing “that road needs a crossing” the problem is nothing seems to be done about it. We don’t want to be the next one to knock someone over or to hear that one of our children has been involved in an accident. We want a pedestrian crossing installed on Burntwood Lane.

### **RESPONSE:**

Burntwood Lane is a 1.6km long road that links the A22 Godstone Road/Caterham Bypass at Wapses Lodge roundabout at the north eastern end with Buxton Lane/Town End at the western end. De Stafford School is on Burntwood Lane and the pavements are heavily used by school children going to and from the school.

The pavement is not continuous along either side of Burntwood Lane. On the south eastern side of the road there is a pavement between Wapses Lodge Roundabout and no. 70 Burntwood Lane where the pavement stops. The pavement restarts outside no. 44, almost opposite the school entrance, and goes as far as Whyteleafe Road where the pavement stops again. It restarts at Bramble Close and goes as far as Town End/Buxton Lane. On the north western side of Burntwood Lane the pavement runs from Wapses Lodge Roundabout over the railway bridge as far as the Manor Park car park where it stops. It restarts at Portley Wood Road and carries on as far as Town End/Buxton Lane.

There are 4 existing pedestrian crossings on Burntwood Lane. At the Town End/Buxton Lane end of Burntwood Lane there is an informal crossing consisting of a pedestrian refuge island and dropped kerbs and tactile paving. The traffic lights at the Whyteleafe Road/Burntwood Lane junction have a pedestrian phase enabling pedestrians to cross Burntwood Lane. There is an informal crossing to the west of the De Stafford school entrance outside no. 38 consisting of dropped kerbs and tactile paving. At Wapses Lodge Roundabout pedestrians can cross Burntwood Lane using the pedestrian subway.

A review has been carried out of the collisions on Burntwood Lane between September 2015 and August 2018 (the last three years for which data is available) that have resulted in personal injury. During that period there have been five

collisions resulting in slight personal injury. In two of these collisions the casualties were pedestrians aged between 10 and 14, one of these collisions occurred outside the school and one at the traffic lights at the junction of Burntwood Lane and Whyteleafe Road, where the child got out of a stationary car and was unfortunately struck by another vehicle.

It is acknowledged that some pupils at De Stafford school use the “100 steps” footpath between Stafford Road and Burntwood Lane in order to get to and from the school. The pupils want to cross the road between the footpath and no.70 Burntwood Lane, as the pavement on the south side of the road stops at this point and the school is on the other side of the road. There is no crossing point between no. 70, where the pavement ends, and the footpath.

Officers have recently received requests that a pedestrian crossing be provided on Burntwood Lane between the “100 steps” footpath and the school. It is only possible to provide pedestrian crossings where there is good visibility between pedestrians waiting to cross and drivers. The section of Burntwood Lane between the footpath and no. 70 is on a bend and the visibility is restricted. For this reason it would not be possible to provide a crossing on this section of road. It would be possible to provide a crossing point on Burntwood Lane to the north east of the footpath to Stafford Road as the visibility is better away from the bend. However it is considered that pupils at De Stafford school would be unlikely to use a crossing in this location as it is not on the desire line between the footpath and the school.

One option would be to extend the footway on the south side of Burntwood Lane between no. 70 and no. 44. This would enable pupils to walk along the south side of the road from the footpath to the existing informal crossing outside the school. However the existing highway land is not wide enough to provide an additional footway on the south side of Burntwood Lane. Therefore any scheme to extend the footway would require the acquisition of land adjoining the road, and is therefore likely to be complex and costly.

The cost of providing a footway, including the acquisition of additional land, would significantly exceed the total annual budget for such schemes in the Tandridge area. It is therefore proposed that a scheme to provide a footway on the south side of Burntwood Lane between no. 70 and no. 44 be added to the Tandridge District Forward Programme which is the Annexe to the Tandridge Local Transport Strategy. It is not known at this stage when funding would become available to progress this scheme, therefore it is unfortunately not possible to give a timescale as to when this additional footway may be provided.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Agree that a scheme to provide a footway on the south side of Burntwood Lane between no. 70 and no. 44 be added to the Tandridge District Forward Programme which is the Annex to the Tandridge Local Transport Strategy.

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