

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)**

DATE: 4 MARCH 2019

SURREY

SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS – FURZEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

DIVISION: MERSTHAM AND BANSTEAD SOUTH

PETITION DETAILS:

An e-petition with 111 signatures has been submitted to the Local Committee for Reigate and Banstead for consideration.

The petition states:

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to Install Pedestrian Path Safety Bollards Outside Furzeffield Primary School, Delabole Road, Merstham

Primary school children have been subject to many instances of nearly being hit by moving vehicles as a result of cars maneuvering onto the pedestrian path to park outside of Furzeffield Primary School. Cars mount the path in order to park with 2 wheels mounted on the pedestrian walkway.

In order to mitigate this risk of a serious injury or death to an adult or school pupil, I petition the council to install pedestrian safety bollards along the pedestrian path of Delabole Road, outside of Furzeffield Primary School (along entire school fence boundary), as a matter of urgency. This action must not be reactive following an incident, but proactive in order to prevent an incident occurring, for the safety of the community.

RESPONSE:

Surrey County Councils Safer Travel Team will investigate concerns using the Road Safety Outside Schools Policy. One of the most frequently expressed road safety concerns is that of the safety of children outside schools. At school drop off and pick up times the roads in the immediate vicinity of schools are especially busy and there is usually a high level of vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist activity. This causes slower vehicle speeds and congestion and very often leads to frustration from residents and motorists at the apparent chaos caused by parents and children arriving or leaving the school. The purpose of this policy is to set out the process that will be used by Surrey County Council for investigating and responding to concerns about road safety outside schools. The aim is to reduce the risk of collisions, and to make the road feel safer in order to improve the attractiveness of walking and cycling to and from schools.

The county council would like to encourage safe walking and cycling to school, as this is better for the health of children, and reduces congestion and pollution.

The perceived danger to children on busy roads on the school journey, especial in the vicinity of a school, can prove to be a barrier to more walking and cycling. This then results in more car journeys and more congestion. A further report outlining recommendations will be brought back to this committee in due course.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- i. Agree to allow the county councils Safer Travel Team to investigate concerns raised by the petition using the Road Safety Outside Schools Policy.
- ii. Note the outcome of the safety assessment will be reported to the school and local County Councillor containing the results of the road safety education assessment and a description of any potential highway improvements and estimated costs.
- iii. Note that recommendations will include measures to encourage more sustainable travel which Furzefield Primary School will be responsible for implementing

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