

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



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GUILDFORD JOINT COMMITTEE

ITEM 5: PETITIONS AND PETITION REPSONSES

DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

**SUBJECT: UPGRADE OF ZEBRA CROSSING TO CONTROLLED
CROSSING ON NEW INN LANE, BURPHAM**

**DIVISION/
WARD(S)**

AFFECTED: GUILDFORD EAST / BURPHAM

PETITION DETAILS:

Improve pedestrian safety on New Inn Lane by upgrading the Zebra crossing to a Pelican crossing.

Details of petition: Pedestrian safety on New Inn Lane is being put at risk by the poorly positioned zebra crossing. Those using the crossing are obscured by vegetation and by heavy, slow moving or stopped traffic toward the Green Man (Aldi) roundabout during peak times. Traffic heading away from the roundabout often moves at high speed and the result is a significant risk of an incident. Children use this crossing on a regular basis when walking to and from school, and other vulnerable members of the community from Mallow Crescent care home often walk up New Inn Lane toward the amenities. Based on the observations and near misses being reported by the local community, it seems to be only a matter of time before someone is struck and either seriously injured or killed. We the undersigned call upon Surrey Highways to replace the Zebra crossing on New Inn Lane with a Pelican crossing (i.e. traffic light controlled) as soon as possible. This simple change would provide a far safer means of crossing for pedestrians in Burpham.

Lead petitioner: Cllr George Potter

Number of signatures submitted: 173

OFFICER RESPONSE:

The Committee would like to thank the lead petitioner Councillor George Potter for presenting the petition on behalf of the local residents.

The existing zebra crossing was funded by the developer as part of the Raynham Close development. The crossing was constructed during the 2012/13 financial year.

After detailed investigation by the SCC officers and several site visits, it was concluded that the current location was the most suitable site, in respect of sightlines and the desirable crossing line, for a zebra crossing between Burnett Avenue and London Road, also taking into consideration the many driveways to dwellings. The police also supported the zebra crossing at its present location. After the completion of the crossing, a safety audit was carried out by an independent safety team. There were no concerns raised in the report regarding the suitability of a zebra crossing at this location.

The green on the south side of New Inn Lane is managed by Guildford Borough Council, where vegetation is regularly cut back to maintain good visibility for pedestrians and motorists by the zebra crossing.

The personal injury collisions (PIC) has been examined, for the last five years, in the vicinity of the crossing. There have been no recorded PICs during that period.

The SCC officers will continue to monitor the zebra crossing.

RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Committee is asked to note the officer's response.

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