

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



SURREY

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 9 SEPTEMBER 2019
SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS – HORLEY INFANT SCHOOL
DIVISION: HORLEY WEST, SALFORDS AND SIDLOW

PETITION DETAILS:

An e petition with 251 signatures has been submitted to the Local Committee for Reigate and Banstead for consideration.

The petition states:

The installation of railings outside school entrances in Lumley/Albert Road and along the staff car park path to restrict parents and children walking through the car park. The installation of railings will immensely improve safety and help avoid any unnecessary accidents • To relieve traffic on Lumley/Albert Road, we are asking to increase the amount of town car park permits issued to 80 and increase the allocated “free parking times” by 10 minutes morning and afternoons; the existing times are: 8.45-9.15am and 2.45-3.15pm; an improved time frame would be: 8:30 – 9:15 and 2:45 – 3:30 • To replace the double yellow lines painted directly outside the rear school entrance on Albert Road with extended school zig zag lines, thus making it a no parking zone for all vehicles/drivers during drop off and collection times • To increase the frequency of Parking Patrol Officers on both Lumley/Albert Road to be more visible to drivers and help deter any inconsiderate parking

RESPONSE:

Surrey County Councils Safer Travel Team will investigate concerns using the Road Safety Outside Schools Policy. This process includes a site visit which will look at the physical highway features outside the school with key stakeholders including Police, highways engineers and parking colleagues. An internal audit is carried out with the schools management team to look at what the school does in order to promote road safety and sustainable travel to their pupils and wider school community.

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 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 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 agree:

- (i) *To allow the county councils Safer Travel Team to investigate concerns raised by the petition using the Road Safety Outside Schools Policy*

The Local Committee is asked to note:

- (ii) *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) *That recommendations could include measures within the school grounds which the school will be responsible for implementing*

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