

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)



DATE: 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: PETITION RESPONSE REPORT: – PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING IN THE AREA OF LONGBRIDGE, FARNHAM

DIVISION: FARNHAM CENTRAL

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the response, which was originally provided as an answer to a Written Question at the 22 March 2019 Waverley Local Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The previous response, provided six months ago on the same subject, still applies.

PETITION DETAILS:

A petition has been received from Cllr David Beaman, Waverley Borough and Farnham Town Councillor, which contains 327 signatures and reads:

“We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to erect a safe Pedestrian Crossing in the area of Longbridge, Farnham, from near Hawthorn Lodge (GU9 7GG) towards Gostrey Meadow. This has been a difficult road to cross for some time, particularly for those less nimble on their feet or those with pushchairs or small children. Since the erection of the Retirement Apartments at Hawthorn Lodge GU9 7GG considerably more people are at risk as many of the residents have mobility issues and a significant number of them use wheelchairs or walking aids. Pushing these wheelchairs or walking aids across the roads in this area is extremely dangerous as there have already been a number of falls in the road whilst hurrying to avoid oncoming traffic and many other close escapes, making this not just an inconvenience but an urgent Health and Safety matter.”

RESPONSE:

This response is the same as the response provided to a Written Question from Cllr Beaman at the Waverley Local Committee on 22 March 2019:

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“A controlled crossing such as a zebra or pelican crossing could be installed in Longbridge at the location of the existing uncontrolled crossing point by the bridge. The cost would be in the region of £60,000 for a zebra crossing and £130,000 for a pelican crossing

An analysis of the collision data for Longbridge shows that there are no recorded injury accidents on file involving pedestrians, which does not suggest that an immediate safety problem exists at this time in terms of a history of poor road safety.

The Local Committee would need to determine if they wished to prioritise and fund a controlled crossing for Longbridge. Any proposal would have to be looked at holistically with all the other current and future proposals for Farnham which are being developed. The junction of Downing Street and Union Road is proposed to have a zebra crossing introduced as part of the Brightwells development.”

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