

1. INTRODUCTION:

Local residents have expressed concerns about road safety and vehicle speeds for a number of years, including a petition to the Elmbridge Local Committee in December 2015. Several measures have previously been introduced to try and address these concerns including the following:

- A series of traffic calming features (road tables) have been installed along the length of Claygate Lane.
- A school crossing patrol site established adjacent to the primary school entrance.
- Pedestrian refuge islands were installed along Manor Road North to help aid pedestrian crossing.
- Introduction of a 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit restriction along the length of Claygate Lane.
- Introduction of parking restrictions.

Despite the implementation of the above measures, some residents remained concerned about problems of vulnerable road users (pedestrians/cyclists etc.) interacting with vehicles. Surrey County Council's Local Committee for Elmbridge therefore agreed that a study should be undertaken to assess the extent of the problems and consider further options for improving road safety. Options were assessed and funding was then secured from Elmbridge Borough Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund. A number of options were then put forward for public consultation (July-September 2018), where the results were analysed and the final design was developed.

The works commenced in July 2019 and were substantially completed by the end of September.

Whilst there are still some outstanding works including the planting of trees, this briefing paper shows the transformation achieved by the combined commitment of residents, councillors, council officers and contractors.

2. OUTCOME

The scheme has now provided a much needed improvement to the existing footway width and condition. With the additional benefits of a new uncontrolled crossing point for the School Crossing Patrol Officer outside Hinchley Wood Primary School, as well as the new zebra crossing on Manor Road North.

A link has now been created for cyclists to travel off carriageway from the toucan crossing on the A309 Kingston Bypass to Claygate Lane north of Manor Road North.

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3. PHOTOS:

Junction of Claygate Lane and Severn Drive (looking north)



Before



After

Crossing of Manor Road North



Before



After

Claygate Lane, adjacent to Hinchley Wood School (looking south)



Before



After