

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



SURREY

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 2 MARCH 2020
SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY – ST JOHN’S AREA, REDHILL
DIVISION: REDHILL WEST AND MEADVALE

PETITION DETAILS:

An e petition with 276 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 make changes to the roads around St John’s Church in Redhill to make the area safe for motorists and pedestrians. The area round St John’s Church in Redhill is a notorious spot for locals. The church and the local school bring a high level of individuals on foot and by vehicle who need to park as well as overflow parking for Earlswood Station. Pendleton Road, Church Road and Fountain Road all struggle to cope with two way traffic. Narrow pavements, a lack of pavements, parking reducing long sections to single carriageway, blind spots and an increase in usage, particularly by larger vehicles, since the last review of traffic flow all contribute to the issues. We ask the Council to review the issue and suggest improvements and changes to improve safety of pedestrians and motorists using these roads and implement them.

RESPONSE:

St John’s Church in Redhill is surrounded by roads on three sides. Pendleton Road to the north and west which links the A2044 Woodhatch Road with the A23 Brighton Road, Church Road to the east which links the A23 Horley Road with Pendleton Road and Fountain Road to the south which links Church Road with Pendleton Road.

There is a pavement on the southeastern side of Pendleton Road, but not the northwestern side, similarly there is a pavement on the east side of Church Road but not the west side. There is a section of pavement along the majority of the north side of Fountain Road, this pavement links at both ends with stone surfaced paths through common land. There is pavement along the south side of Fountain Road. The provision of any additional pavements along Pendleton Road, Church Road and Fountain Road in the vicinity of St. John’s Church would require the use of common land. If common land is to be included as part of the highway to provide a pavement, it is a requirement to provide exchange land to replace the common land used for the pavement. Surrey County council do not own any land in this area and therefore we would not be able to provide the necessary exchange land to provide any additional pavements on these roads.

It is acknowledged that there is a considerable amount of on street parking on both Church Road and Fountain Road, which restricts the available road width. A large number of pedestrians uses these roads, particularly at the start and end of the school day.

As assessment of the personal injury collision history for Church Road, Fountain Road and Pendleton Road in the vicinity of St John’s Church has been carried out. During

the period October 2016 to September 2019 (the latest 3 year period for which data is available) there have been two recorded personal injury collisions, both of which occurred at the junction of Fountain Road and Pendleton Road and both resulted in slight injury. Neither of these collisions involved a pedestrian.

During the 2008/09 financial year, a number of improvements were carried out for pedestrians in Pendleton Road, Fountain Road and Church Road. These improvements included, a signalised pedestrian crossing on Pendleton Road, which linked the pavement on the south east side of the road to the footpath to St John's primary school. The pavement along the north side of Fountain Road next to the churchyard wall was also widened and an informal pedestrian crossing point, consisting of a kerb build out, was provided on Church Road to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road at this point.

Additional parking restrictions are currently being implemented in Church Road. Double yellow lines have been laid on the south west side of Church Road between the A23 Horley Road and St John's. Single yellow lines with no waiting between 8am and 10am Monday to Friday are to be laid on the inside of the bend on Church Road opposite The Plough public house. The lining contractor has laid part of this single yellow line, but was not able to lay it all due to the presence of parked cars. The contractor will revisit the road to finish laying this single yellow line. These additional parking restrictions should help to reduce times when certain sections of Church Road are narrowed to a single carriageway due to the parked vehicles, whilst still allowing some on street parking for residents.

At the December 2019 meeting of Reigate & Banstead Local Committee the 2020/21 forward programme of funded schemes for design and construction was approved by the committee. One of the schemes included in the 2020/21 forward programme is for a study to be carried out on the feasibility of introducing an environmental weight limit to prohibit large vehicles from accessing Pendleton Road unless they are accessing land or property on Pendleton Road.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) *Note the response and the planned works that have already been approved and those that are to be carried out in the coming financial year.*

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