

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 6 MARCH 2020
 SUBJECT: Pendell Road and Merstham Road junction, Bletchingley
 DIVISION: Godstone

PETITION DETAILS:

To consider a petition containing 254 signatures – by Diane Brown
(The total number of signatures online is 364, however only signatures from Surrey and the local area have been included in the final figure)

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to make improvements to the corner of Pendell Rd and Merstham Rd in Bletchingley.

The corner of Merstham Rd and Pendell Rd is on a busy through route between Bletchingley and Merstham and a route for people between the schools in Merstham, Bletchingley and the Hawthorns. The corner outside Barker's Grooming has had sixteen accidents in the last 12 months. The reason for these accidents appears to vary but what is apparent is that the corner is treacherous in cold conditions, poorly signposted on approach, and a difficult bend to negotiate. We ask the Council to investigate the bend and propose and implement changes that will help reduce the number of accidents here.

RESPONSE:

Officers have checked the council's database of collisions resulting in personal injury recorded by the police. This shows that in the last five years there has been just one collision resulting in personal injury recorded at the corner outside Barker's Grooming. This data can be viewed via www.crashmap.co.uk.

Ordinarily officers would prioritise investment on collision reduction highway schemes, on the basis of the numbers of injury collisions and not damage only collisions, because information on damage only collisions is not systematically reported and recorded by the police. However, in this case the petitioners have been able to demonstrate a clear evidence of a pattern of collisions, and evidence of consequences that while so far have not resulted in serious injury, could do so in the future. Therefore, the site will be included on the list of sites for investigation by the council's road safety engineering team, with a view to developing and implementing a highway safety improvement as soon as possible within the next financial year. The investment for the scheme will be covered by the county council's central budget for addressing collision hotspots managed by the road safety engineering team. Officers will seek a meeting on site with the resident/petitioner to help understand the extent and nature of the problem within the next few weeks and are grateful to the resident/petitioners for bringing this to the attention of the council.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Agree that the road safety engineering team will meet with the resident/petitioners on site to help understand the extent and nature of the problem. Following investigation a highway safety scheme will be developed for implementation within the next financial year. This will be funded from the council's central budget for addressing collision hotspots managed by the road safety engineering team.

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