



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 24 June 2013

AGENDA ITEM 7

CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

At the Elmbridge Local Committee meeting held on Monday 25th February 2013, the Chairman agreed to write to Surrey County Council to request that its speed limit policy be reconsidered. The letter and subsequent responses are detailed below.

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8th March 2013

Mr John Furey
Cabinet Member for Transport & the Environment
Surrey County Council
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Dear Mr Furey

At the Elmbridge Local Committee meeting held on Monday 25th February 2013 two of the reports presented were responses to petitions, brought to the November 2012 meeting, highlighting safety concerns including a request for a reduction in speed limit. These reports generated a discussion regarding the speed of traffic particularly in the vicinity of schools.

As Chairman of the Local Committee, Members asked that I write to request that Surrey County Council reconsiders its speed limit policy, particularly the policy on 20 mph speed limits.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Michael Bennison
SCC Local Committee (Elmbridge) Chairman

Initial Response dated 13/3/13



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13 March 2013

Dear Mr Bennison

Thank you for your letter of 8 March. Surrey County Council will not reconsider its speed limit policy, which is set in conjunction with our partners, the police. If you, as Chairman of Elmbridge Local Committee, wish to consider reducing any speeds in any part of Elmbridge, then it is in your power to ask county officers to produce a report on where there is seen to be a need for a reduction in speed in any road. This would need both county highway officers and the police to be in agreement.

Yours sincerely

John Furey
Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment



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Further response via e-mail dated 4/6/13

Dear Mike

Further to your letter of 8 March and my response attached*, I have asked officers to review a number of the county council's road safety policies and activities to ensure that the council remains up to date with best practice. Central Government issued new guidance on setting speed limits in January, and I want to be sure we are doing everything we can to ensure that we are tackling the problems caused by anti-social driving and speeding. The review of road safety will include the council's road safety education offer and the enforcement we provide in partnership with Surrey Police. Consultation with councillors and local committees will form an important part of the review.

Regards
John

Councillor John Furey
Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
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*refers to the letter from John Furey above.