

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 12 JUNE 2013

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC QUESTIONS

DIVISION: MOLE VALLEY



Question from Mr Mike Ward, Dorking South and the Holmwoods Resident

Progress on speed reduction

Please give details of progress on the following speed reduction schemes:

- A24/A29 – What data has been collected on the impact of the recent introduction of a 50 mph limit on these roads south of Dorking? Have any conclusions been reached about the extent to which this has succeeded in reducing speed taking into account the other safety measures introduced as well? When will the Committee review the data and reach conclusions?
- Hookwood speed limit reduction – What progress has been made in gathering data to assess the potential for a scheme to reduce limits in the Hookwood area as set out in the residents' petition and subsequently discussed by the Committee? When is this expected to come forward for decision?
- Parkgate Road, Newdigate – Following the question from Mrs Glynn at the last Local Committee, what progress has been made in obtaining data to assess the request for a lower speed limit?
- Pebble Hill, Betchworth – What progress has been made in developing proposals to reduce speed and improve safety on this road following the residents' petition to the December meeting of the Committee?

Response from SCC HighwaysTeam:

A24/A29

The A24 and A29 are on the programme to be monitored following implementation of the new speed limits. Monitoring will include liaison with Police who have been carrying out enforcement. The results will be reported to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the local committee and the Divisional Member for review.

Hookwood speed limit reduction

Subject of report to this Local Committee (June 2013).

Parkgate Road, Newdigate

The Area Highways Manager has visited the resident. It is proposed that officers will carry out a speed survey during the summer. The results will be reported to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the local committee and the Divisional Member for review.

Pebble Hill, Betchworth

A sign audit has been carried out. Design of measures is in progress, in liaison with the Police, including improvements to signs and road markings.

Question from Mrs Wendy Crozier, Dorking Hills resident

I am pleased to see that there is to be a district wide parking review and would ask that the following be considered. There are currently double yellow lines on one sides along the full length of Chichester Road in Dorking, including the part that runs alongside the boundary of Denbies Wine Estate. There is no obvious reason for the latter. In addition, there is a single yellow line along the full length of the other side of Chichester Road (except the parts where there are double yellows both sides. These are near the junctions with major roads and do make sense.) Along its length, the single yellow line has a variety of restrictions throughout the day, presumably to prevent commuter parking and parking by the users of Ashcombe School. Chichester road is a wide road that is very quiet with all houses having private off road parking.

I would request that you consider removing all parking restrictions along Chichester Road, with the exception of the areas nar junctions with the two major roads and (possibly) a short restricted area near the nursery school entrance.

Response from SCC Parking Team:

The restrictions, historically, would have been implemented through necessity. However changes in environment often mean that some restrictions can lose their significance.

Surrey County Council's Parking Team would have to carry out a detailed survey of the area before coming up with any recommendations. These would then need to be submitted to committee and have to go through a consultation process.

The legal process involved in introducing or changing parking controls requires us to consult with residents, businesses and other stakeholders, after which, we have to amend the traffic regulation order, so that our enforcement staff can take action against people parking illegally. This whole process - from start to finish - does take some months to progress.

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