

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 12 JUNE 2013

LEAD OFFICER: VICTORIA JEFFREY, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITTEE OFFICER

SUBJECT: PETITIONS

DIVISION: MOLE VALLEY



PARKING THE MOUNT, FETCHAM

This petition of 65 signatures was submitted by Mr Anthony Gibson

The residents of The Mount, Fetcham, Surrey. There has been a worrying increase in the number of vehicles parking at the bottom of The Mount (Cobham Road end). It is only a question of time before there is an accident and somebody gets hurt. We therefore ask Surrey County Council to take action to stop this dangerous parking/

Response from SCC Parking Team:

Proposals have been included in this year's parking review (coming to the Mole Valley Local Committee on the 12 June 2013), which should alleviate any problems with obstructive / dangerous parking in The Mount, Fetcham.

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 make a 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.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION, PIXHAM LANE, DORKING

This petition of 223 signatures was submitted by Mr John Hammond

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Pixham Lane, Dorking.

Pixham Lane is the spine of Pixham community. It attracts large volumes of through traffic (300-400 vehicles/hr to 600 in busy periods), much exceeding the current 30mph limit.

Danger points include: The rail bridge to the A25: residents on the east side have no pavement, exiting directly onto a narrow road with poor visibility. A car overturned here recently, just missing demolishing a house front. Drivers frequently ignore traffic lights at the bridge. Vehicles exit Pixholme Grove and the Old School community centre on a blind bend. Care homes with elderly residents, a pre-school group and the church with vulnerable pedestrians. Use by many recreational walkers and cyclists exploring Box Hill.

The Residents Association have run a Community Speedwatch group for the last 4 years, and have recorded speeds over 60mph in the Lane.

The Lane is 0.7 miles long; a 20 mph limit would cause no significant increase in journey times while benefiting road safety.

Response from SCC HighwaysTeam:

Background

Pixham Lane (the B2038) links the A24 London Road to the north at the Denbies Roundabout and the A25 Reigate Road to the south. It is currently subject to a 30mph speed limit and has street lighting for its entire length. All traffic movements are permitted at the north end, whilst there is no right turn permitted at the south end onto the A25. Pixham Lane is a current bus route.

There are existing features and measures in Pixham Lane to influence driver behaviour. A community speed watch initiative has been implemented in Pixham Lane whereby the Police work with local volunteers to monitor vehicle speeds. There is an electronic vehicle activated sign displaying vehicle speed, mounted on the lighting column near the property 'Pixham Mill'. A priority give way pinch point is situated near the entrance to property 'Purbrook', with priority for northbound traffic. The layout at the railway bridge provides traffic signals for single way alternate flow.

Recorded data for personal injury collisions over the three year period to June 2013 shows zero injury incidents in Pixham Lane.

Surrey's road safety team monitors reported personal injury collisions and identifies locations for discussion at the Road Safety Working Group (RSWG), which comprises road safety experts from both Surrey Police and the County Council as well as engineers from Surrey Highways. Although Pixham Lane does not meet the criteria with regards to numbers of recorded personal injury collisions, it has been raised as an agenda item at the RSWG.

Pixham Lane is on the Police Speed Management Plan for monitoring. The Police carried out surveys in April/May 2013. Average recorded speeds showed 29mph northbound and 28mph southbound. Observations of traffic

movements have indicated that lines of parked vehicles may contribute to localised higher speeds.

Experience has shown that lowering a speed limit on its own will not guarantee that average speeds will be reduced. If a speed limit is set much lower than the existing traffic speeds then some motorists may ignore the limit unless the character of the road or environment indicate otherwise. The police have limited resources to enforce speed limits. Surrey's speed limit policy recommends that a speed limit should only be reduced on its own where existing speeds are close to the proposed new limit. In terms of 20mph limits, this will only be authorised if the average free flow speed at a representative site does not exceed 20mph. The Surrey CC speed management policy is currently under review.

Proposals

It is proposed that Officers carry out a parking review to determine if alterations to, or enforcement of, the existing layout would improve the traffic conditions in Pixham Lane. The results will be reported to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the local committee and the Divisional Member for review.

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