

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

DATE: 25 FEBRUARY 2021
 SUBJECT: UPPER CHOBHAM ROAD – REQUEST FOR CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - UPDATE
 DIVISION: HEATHERSIDE AND PARKSIDE

BACKGROUND:

A petition was presented to the Surrey Heath Local Committee at its meeting held on 1 October 2018 by parents of pupils at Ravenscote Junior School requesting the introduction of either a pelican crossing or a zebra crossing in Upper Chobham Road (at the location of the existing uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point near the school gate).

The response to the petition (copy attached) explained there were no proposals to introduce either a zebra crossing or a signal-controlled crossing at the location. It also highlighted that a significant number of measures had previously been introduced in Upper Chobham Road to help improve road safety and accessibility for pedestrians, and that additional safety improvements were proposed. The further scheme proposed consisted of:

- The introduction of a speed table at the uncontrolled crossing point near the school gate together with speed cushions on either approach.
- The introduction of speed cushions on either approach to the pedestrian island in Old Bisley Road near its junction with Upper Chobham Road and Chobham Road.

UPDATE:

The above traffic calming measures were constructed during the 2019 school summer holiday.

Since the introduction of the scheme, parents have continued to campaign for the introduction of either a signal-controlled crossing or a zebra crossing, and further signatures have been added to the original petition.

Before determining whether there is a need to consider introducing any further measures at the location, a detailed assessment of the impacts of the traffic calming scheme needs to be undertaken in accordance with standard practice.

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For much of the time since the measures were introduced, traffic conditions have been affected by the pandemic. In addition, meaningful conclusions cannot be drawn about the impacts of the scheme on safety until it has been in place for a reasonable period of time.

Subject to traffic conditions returning to normal, an assessment of vehicle speeds and collision data is due to be undertaken later this year.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

A report will be presented to the Surrey Heath Local Committee later this year detailing the results of the assessment and recommending whether consideration should be given to introducing further measures at the location.

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