

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)****DATE:** 4 March 2022**SUBJECT:** Member Questions**DIVISION:** All**Question 1 Cllr Simon Morrow re Sunnybank, Warlingham**

"Please can I be advised what work has been undertaken and/or is planned in response to the petition asking for traffic calming in Sunnybank, Warlingham, submitted to the last meeting in December.

As the ward member I have heard nothing to date".

Response

The Highways Engagement & Commissioning team met with County Councillor Becky Rush to discuss the petition that has been received from residents of Sunnybank.

An assessment was carried out, on the personal injury collision data, provided by Surrey Police, which showed that over the most recent 5-year period for which data is available (from 01/09/16 to 31/08/21), there has been no personal injury collisions in Sunnybank.

However, it was agreed that a speed survey would be carried out to assess the average mean speeds of vehicles using Sunnybank and from that any required measures can be considered.

Question 2 Cllr Michael Cooper re Buxton Lane, Caterham

A new build out into Buxton Lane, Caterham has been completed next to house Number 55 Buxton Lane.

Buxton lane is a relatively busy local thoroughfare and is used by regular bus services as well as large lorries. I am amazed at the decision to put this build out on a blind bend. It will be a huge danger to cyclists who will find themselves swerving into the middle of the road to avoid it and will also be a danger to all users of that section of Buxton Lane, not least pedestrians who may stand there in ignorance of the fact they will not be seen until a vehicle is on them.

Please could this build out be removed.

Response

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Please see response to the public question about Buxton Lane in Caterham that has been asked at this Local Committee for information about why this kerb build-out has been constructed at this location.

When new measures such as this build-out are designed they are subject to a Road Safety Audit (RSA) carried out by road safety professionals in the County Council's Safety Engineering Team, who are independent of the scheme. As part of this scheme two road safety audits were carried out, the stage one RSA at feasibility design stage and the stage two RSA at detailed design stage.

Feasibility design is a preliminary design that establishes whether a proposed scheme is practical and develops options. As a result, the options produced do not have a lot of detail at this design stage.

The stage one RSA was carried out on two feasibility design options as follows:

1. One single larger build out on the west side of the road
2. Two smaller build outs on each side of the road

The decision was taken to proceed with Option 1, the single build out on the west side of the road. The stage one RSA raised concerns with this option relating to vehicles striking the kerbs of the build out. Recommendations were made in the RSA regarding making changes to the taper length of the kerbs on the build out, the proposed hatched road markings and the provision of signs advising drivers approaching of the build out.

The recommendations made in the stage one RSA regarding the taper lengths of the kerbs, the hatched road markings and the provision of signs were taken on board and included within the design during the detailed design stage. A keep right sign has been provided on the build out facing northbound traffic, and road narrows warning signs have been provided on each approach to the build out. The stage 2 RSA that was carried out once detailed design was completed did not raise any concerns regarding vehicles striking the kerbs of the build out.

As with all new schemes installed on the highway a Stage 3 post construction RSA will be carried out, which includes a site visit attended by Officers from the Safety Engineering Team, Highway Engineers and Surrey Police. The concerns raised about the location of the build out will be discussed at that site visit. Should any changes be recommended as a result of the stage 3 RSA then they will be made in due course.

There are no plans to remove this build-out at this time, as is suggested.