

**GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**



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GUILDFORD JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 16 MARCH 2022

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question 1: From Claire Jones, and Vivien White, Chairman of Effingham Residents Association

Two road tables on Effingham Common Road and the Lower Road, Effingham, were agreed as traffic calming measures following the Joint Committee's consideration of the petition for the provision of safe access to St Lawrence Primary School. The tables were recommended following a site visit by Safer Travel Officer Cheryl Faure in March 2019, and the scheme was top of the priority list for the year 2021/22. Neither of the road tables has been constructed.

A Traffic Regulation Order for the two road tables was finally posted on 27 January 2022, but construction has not even started, and is now not expected to start in this financial year.

Given that the children and their parents at St Lawrence Primary School are still waiting for safe access to St Lawrence Primary School four years after the petition was considered, will the Joint Committee again make these road tables the top priority for the coming year and use their utmost powers to make sure they are constructed in that time?

Can the repainting of the markings around the mini roundabouts junction be actioned immediately and can a further safety review be carried out following the construction to assess whether the two mini roundabouts should have raised surfaces again like the others in the area?

RESPONSE:

The Committee would like to thank Mrs Jones for her further questions regarding the proposed traffic calming measures scheme outside Saint Lawrence County Primary School.

The road table on Lower Road was designed and safety audited for implementation. The final stage prior to implementing a road safety scheme is to have a road permit from the SCC Streetworks team. Over the last few months, the design and highways engineers have been in negotiation with the Streetworks team regarding the works in Lower Road. Due to the emergency drainage works in Effingham Common Road and electrical works in Effingham, the Streetworks team refused to issue a permit for the road safety works in Lower Road. The reason for their refusal is that the

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alternative routes for other works will clash with the proposed alternative route for the Lower Road safety scheme.

Additional funding, for the 2022/23 financial year, will be allocated to the Road Safety and Sustainable School Travel Team for the implementation of new safety schemes outside schools. One of their schemes for 2022/23 will be the road tables on Lower Road and Effingham Common Road in Effingham outside Saint Lawrence School.

Within that scheme the possibility and benefit of raising the surface of the existing mini roundabouts will be investigated.

Regarding refreshing the existing road markings in the vicinity of the school, a request will be placed on the system. Please note that repainting the existing road markings on the carriageways will be carried out in accordance with the priority network.