

Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth Decisions

6 June 2023

TITLE: CLOSURE OF LONDON ROAD, GUILDFORD**Statement:**

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to Stop the Closure of London Road, Guildford.

Justification:

We the undersigned are concerned at the partial closure of London Road Guildford by Surrey County Council Highways for a period of five months, with work due to start on 9 January 2023. This is a main arterial route into Guildford to and from the A3. It will cause gridlock, significant delays, and misery for all those who regularly use this road, including school children, residents and local businesses. It will also add to pollution in and around the diversion routes. We ask that Surrey County Council find a more acceptable way of carrying out this work than closing the northbound lane completely.

Submitted by: Regina Redpath

RESPONSE:

The County Council acknowledges the concerns highlighted and have listened to the community. We have postponed the scheme to give time for further engagement with the community about the detail of the scheme and how it will be constructed.

A stakeholder engagement group has been established which will help shape how we engage with the wider community before any construction works are undertaken. This engagement group consists of a variety of stakeholders, including the local Residents Association, London Road Action Group and representatives from both George Abbott and Guildford High schools. It is expected wider community engagement will take place this summer as the Council is committed to further consultation following recommendations from the stakeholders.

We can assure the community that we will no longer be proposing to close London Road for the originally planned 5-month period, and in delivering any scheme, would seek to minimise any inconvenience to residents and businesses.

Matt Furniss**Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure & Growth****6 June 2023**

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