

Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth Decisions**Tuesday 30 January 2024****PETITION TITLE: HGV Ban on Brooklands Road (B374 - Weybridge)**

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to introduce an 18 ton HGV weight limit on Brooklands Road (B374). Articulated lorries need to be prohibited from Brooklands Road and use the perfectly suitable route - Junction 10 of the M25 via the A3 and Byfleet Road to and from Brooklands. This would also greatly reduce the dangers of HGVs driving along Church Street and Heath Road in Weybridge. The weight limit would prevent HGV articulated lorries accessing local roads without disrupting deliveries by lorries under 18 tons. Local roads are not designed or suitable for vehicles of this size and weight. Residents are very concerned about the dangers to pedestrians and other drivers when these heavy articulated lorries try to navigate through the town on their way to and from Brooklands. Many residents are also constantly disturbed due to noise through the night.

Submitted by: Pippa Graeme – 1,227 signatures

RESPONSE:

The Brooklands Estate is a locally important business park and distribution hub. As a highway authority we have a responsibility to ensure that legitimate businesses can successfully operate and that any proposed changes to the highway network do not have a negative impact elsewhere. The B374 Brooklands Road is classified as part of the Surrey Priority One (SPN1) network, meaning that it is maintained to facilitate the movement of all vehicles, including HGVs.

The concerns of some residents are appreciated and therefore it is proposed to undertake an informal consultation with local stakeholders with a view to potentially implement an experimental 18 tonne restriction on Brooklands Road B374 (north of the junction with Wellington Way), Heath Road B374, Church Street B374 (to the roundabout with Balfour Road,) and Hanger Hill B373 to the roundabout with Queens Road. Consideration will need to be given to managing feeder roads (such as St George's Avenue) and these will be determined as part of the design process.

Under an experimental restriction, 18 tonne weight restrictions "except for access" signs would be installed for a maximum of 18 months. An "except for access" exception will be necessary in order to enable genuine access for vehicles in excess of 18 tonnes, for example for deliveries, but such a restriction should help to substantially reduce the numbers by preventing through traffic.

During the first 6 months that the experimental restriction is in place, the public can object to the restriction. The experimental weight restriction also allows the weight restriction to be removed or amended should any serious concerns or implications

arise during the 18 month period. If not, and any objections are set aside, it will then be made permanent.

It is intended the informal consultation will be carried out early spring and will set out those roads to be included within the experimental 18 tonne weight restriction, prior to any detailed design or progression of the scheme. The outcome of the informal consultation will be shared with the petitioners. If the decision is to proceed, funding will need to be identified and any scheme added to our future works programmes.

Matt Furniss
Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth
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