



WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS
DIVISION: WOKING

Question 1: Mr Ross Daniell, local resident

When will we have a Traffic Regulatory Order Forbidding Pavement Parking along the length of Redding Way, Knaphill?

Driving on the pavement is illegal, yet parking is now the accepted practice. Lack of Off Street parking in Tudor Way has resulted in overspill onto Redding Way's pavements even though there are no carriageway parking restrictions. Cyclists regularly have near misses with pedestrians walking in the cycle lane as the vehicles park with all 4 wheels on the pavement.

Photographic evidence taken by a SCC Highways representative at 13:40 hrs on 15.11.2019. The gentleman even asked if I was cycling on a designated cycle lane!

I have raised over 80 reports to Surrey Police over the last 3.5 years as obstruction is the only way of bringing any action against the drivers. Not a single report has been followed up because it's a SCC Highways issue!

I have also made both Melanie and Saj aware of my request.

Answer

Thank you for your question.

The conflict of interest in this location stems from the lack of parking for residents in Tudor Way when the majority are at home. Most of the properties in Tudor Way probably have more than one vehicle, and there is insufficient parking capacity within the development to cater for them all. Therefore the extra vehicles end up parked, straddling the advisory cycle lane along Redding Way. Drivers are probably parking in this manner as they think it is less obstructive than parking fully on the carriageway which is a busy through route. This style of parking has now become a habit.

It is however inadvertently obstructing passing cyclists, who cannot use the full extent of the cycle lane for the use it is intended. This then creates some conflict between cyclists and pedestrians, when cyclists are forced to use the footpath.

ITEM 5

A length of double yellow line was introduced in 2018 covering the junction of Tudor Way, and extending north westwards along Redding Way towards the roundabout with the delivery entrance to Sainsbury's. This was where the majority of parked vehicles were straddling the cycle lane, and should now be clear of parked vehicles at all times.

The rest of Redding Way down to Cavell Way and beyond, has been assessed during more than one Woking parking review to consider if parking controls are necessary. Initial proposals have been sketched out in the past, but observations are that there is a low number of both cyclists and pedestrians using the paths regularly, and although on occasion there is some inconvenience they are able to negotiate any parked vehicles safely, Therefore the resources required to advertise and install parking controls over this length of road have not been prioritised.

If regular usage of the paths by cyclists and pedestrians increased then I'm sure there would be more clamour to keep the paths clear of parked vehicles and local decision makers would respond accordingly.