

Questions from Local Committee members

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

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SUBJECT: QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DIVISION: ALL



Question 1: Cllr Christopher Whinney

The traffic flow up and down Reigate Hill is impeded not just by the train level crossing but also by the two pedestrian crossings either side which are not controlled as that in Reigate Town Centre. During school days in the morning and mid-afternoon they are effectively closed by continuous school traffic - mothers with children crossing. This is increasing with another school opening. The pollution is bad and can be smelt easily. Can this Committee investigate converting these two pedestrian crossings to be controlled, please?"

Response:

The A217 London Road in Reigate links the A25 in Reigate town centre with junction 8 of the M25, and carries considerable volumes of traffic. The road crosses the North Downs railway line at a level crossing just south of the junction with Holmesdale Road.

There is a zebra crossing on London Road approximately 30m to the north of the railway level crossing between the junctions of Holmesdale Road and Birkheads Road. There are two zebra crossings on London Road approximately 190m to the south of the railway level crossing, one on the northbound and one on the southbound carriageway.

Converting the existing zebra crossings into signalised pedestrian crossings is not something that would be appropriate due to the proximity of the railway level crossing. Signalised pedestrian crossing with sets of traffic lights would force drivers to stop at a red light (which they currently don't have to do at a zebra crossing) and also for a longer period than at a zebra crossing. This would lead to increased traffic queues, increased pollution and as a result there could be a possibility of a motorist queuing across the level crossing being trapped on the railway line if the barriers came down. For these reasons, there are no plans to convert the existing zebra crossings into signalised pedestrian crossings.

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