

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 2 NOVEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: WOODHATCH CROSSROADS
DIVISION: EARLSWOOD & REIGATE SOUTH



PETITION DETAILS:

There are too many accidents happening here. Mostly due to traffic turning right into Pendleton Road and Prices Lane. Surely a Traffic Light (turn right only) Filter Lane would help and some adjustments on the timings. I fully believe that it would be safer and not lead to unnecessary congestion. Many local residents are very concerned about the lack of safety at this main junction. We need the Council to come and observe. Please include this in your list of planned works.

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to include Woodhatch Crossroads in planned safety measures A217, Horley to Reigate.

RESPONSE:

There is a longstanding history of collisions at this junction associated with vehicles turning right across the path of southbound or northbound vehicles. This is because the right turning vehicles are required to try to find a gap between two lanes of opposing traffic, one of which is also attempting to turn right. The desire for improved crossing facilities on the eastern arm of the junction (where there isn't currently any signalised pedestrian crossing facilities) has also been the subject of a petition to the Reigate & Banstead Local Committee.

As part of a bid submission to the Department for Transport's "Safer Roads Fund" officers completed detailed investigations into the options for solving the problem of right turn collisions and providing signalised crossing facilities on the eastern arm. This design requires land to be taken from the south eastern corner and north eastern corner of the junction and would require common land. Traffic modelling has been undertaken to assess the likely impact on traffic flows of this design. This showed that the existing junction is already congested and that the proposed improvements, including works to solve the problem of right turn collisions, would increase congestion at this junction in the AM peak. The modelling work used the most recent traffic data and therefore did not take into account the expected increase in traffic that is likely to occur as a result of developments elsewhere in Reigate & Banstead.

Regrettably, following receipt of the cost estimates, it was determined that it was not possible to progress this junction safety scheme within the constraints of the Safer Roads Fund bid criteria provided by the Department for Transport.

However, Surrey County Council is continuing to bid for funding from other funding streams from the Department for Transport (DfT). A bid for funding from the DfT's "Pinchpoint" fund and Surrey County Council is currently waiting to find out from the DfT whether this bid has been successful.

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RECOMMENDATION
The Local Committee is asked to: (i) <i>Note the officer's comment.</i>

Contact Officer:

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