

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



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GUILDFORD JOINT COMMITTEE

ITEM 5: PETITIONS AND PETITION RESPONSES

DATE: 18 NOVEMBER 2020

**SUBJECT: MAKE THE DRIVE, ONSLOW, ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND
TOWARDS THE A31**

**DIVISION/
WARD(S)**

AFFECTED: GUILDFORD SOUTH-WEST

PETITION DETAILS:

The Drive, Onslow, is a dangerous hairpin junction. There is a lot of anecdotal evidence of accidents. Invariably, it is somebody turning left from the A31. They will turn directly into the path of oncoming drivers (southbound up the 'The Drive'). Most avoid turning left here. Those who live in The Drive are unanimous in agreeing to a one-direction flow. It has been long overdue from when the road had merely horses and carts upon it. Altering to one direction southbound, would prevent this. A benefit would be those emerging at the top would be at right angles with a much better sight of traffic from both directions. Where The Drive meets Crossways is another hazard brought on by some cars shooting downhill at speed. Any person wishing to cross over Crossways from east to west has to slowly enter the junction whilst looking up The Drive, lest somebody (idiot) shoots down the hill. This would cease. Another benefit is that the metal fencing at the Crossways has been taken away for repair - again. A car slid on ice downhill from The Drive. With southbound traffic only, this would cease. All benefits preventing injury, damage and cost.

Lead petitioner: Mr Lee Padgett, resident of Onslow
Number of signatures collected: 57

RESPONSE:

The Committee would like to thank the lead petitioner Mr Padgett for presenting the petition on behalf of the local residents.

A constructive site meeting was held on Tuesday 20 October between county councillors, borough councillors and SCC officers.

To achieve the proposed one-way system in The Drive, a section of the road up to the entrances to the properties should remain a two-way traffic flow and from that point to Farnham Road the road will be a one-way system. This will allow residents in The Drive to have access to their properties from The Crossways direction. Also, when exiting their properties, they will be able either to turn left or right towards The Crossways or Farnham Road directions respectively.

Some physical improvement measures will be required at the junction of The Drive and Farnham Road and at the point where the direction of flow becomes a one-way system. The plan below shows the proposed direction of traffic flows in The Drive.

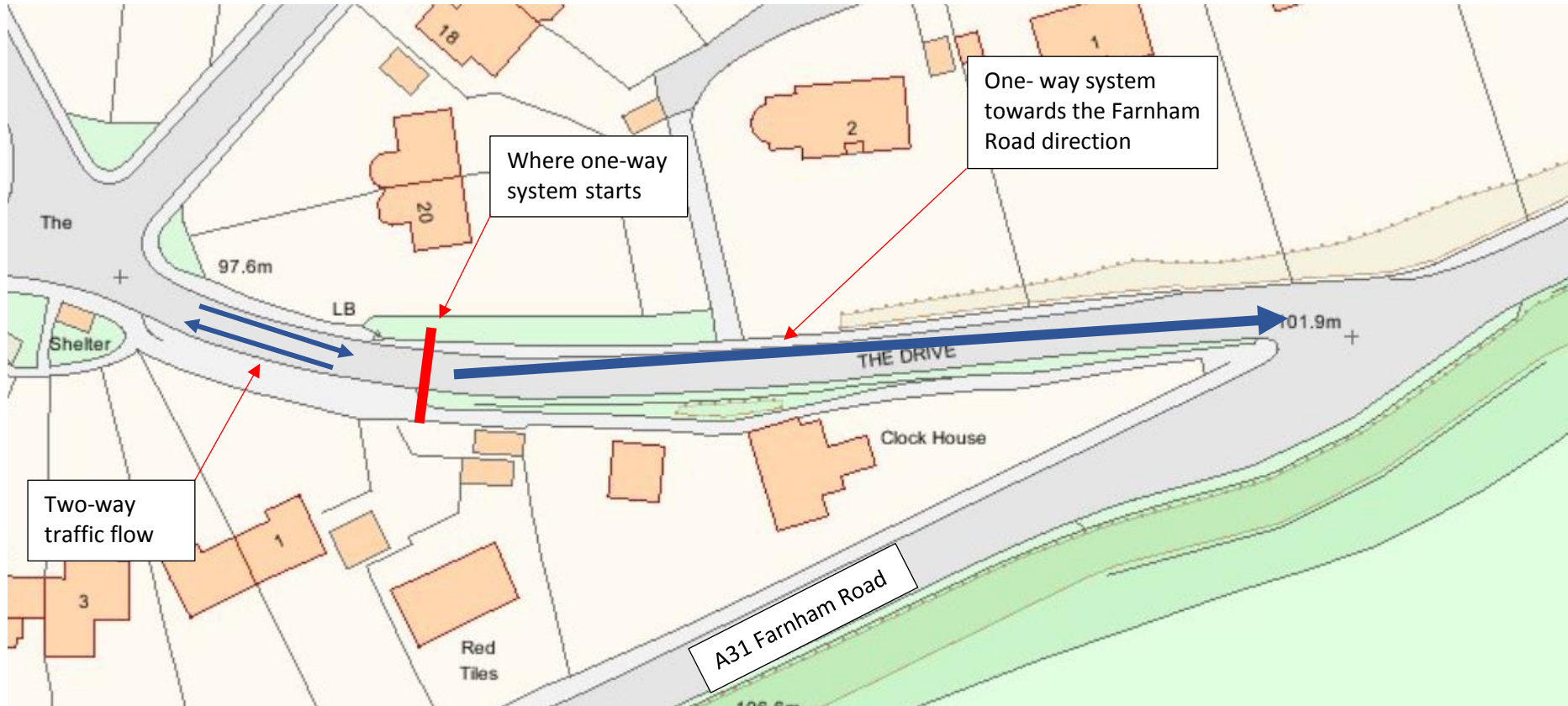
This proposal has been placed on the current running list for further consideration by the Infrastructure Delivery and Transportation Working Group members.

RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Committee is asked to note the officer's response.

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Proposed traffic flow directions in The Drive, Onslow Village



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