

GUILDFORD JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 17 MARCH 2021

ITEM 5c PETITIONS AND PETITION RESPONSES

LEAD OFFICER: BAHRAM ASSADI, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: INCREASE THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS ON QUARRY STREET, CASTLE STREET AND CASTLE HILL BY CARRYING OUT A TRAFFIC SPEED SURVEY AND INTRODUCING RESTRICTIONS AND/OR LIMITS FOR HGVS TRAVELLING ON THESE ROADS.

DIVISION: GUILDFORD SOUTHEAST

PETITION DETAILS:

We request a speed and safety survey please to improve the road for non-vehicle users.

1. Cars regularly speeding along Quarry Street which concerns us specifically as it is now mostly residential.
2. The problems arising at the castle arch from Castle Hill joining Quarry Street have been addressed previously by local residents due to the sharp and narrow turning angle and the sheer size of vehicles attempting to turn left into Quarry Street. Restrictions on HGVs/large vehicles driving down Castle Hill would help tremendously.
3. Large vehicles attempting to turn up Castle Street are continuously knocking and driving into the walls of Olivo Restaurant and reversing into Hill Clements Estate agency.

Life on Quarry Street has become exceptionally busy and at times chaotic with all the delivery vehicles. Considering it has recently been identified as part of 'Guildford's Heritage Quarter', a move to encourage tourism and attracting high visitor numbers, we feel it would be prudent to address calming measures as soon as possible please.

Lead petitioner: Liz Pomeroy, resident of Quarry Street
Number of signatures collected: 34

RESPONSE:

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

In respect of speeding drivers on Quarry Street, speeding is an enforcement issue and the police are the authority who can address this. Any change of speed limit can be considered along the minimum length of 600m on a given road.

A speed survey will be arranged on Quarry Street to evaluate the extent of the speeding issue that has been raised by the petitioners.

Several years ago, a site meeting was held between a Surrey County Council (SCC) highways officer, Guildford Borough Council (GBC) officers, residents and the County Councillor regarding various traffic issues on Castle Hill, including Castle Arch and the surrounding roads. As a result, new signs on Castle Hill on the approach to the arch were erected. GBC officers agreed to implement engineering measures to protect the Castle Arch.

There are regulatory signs for width and height restrictions on Castle Hill at its junction with Warwicks Bench. There is a traffic regulation order to enable the police to enforce the restrictions. The restrictions have been introduced to protect Castle Arch.

Regarding large vehicles turning onto castle Street from Quarry Street, there are metal posts on the footway outside Olivo Restaurant and in front of Hill Clements estate agent.

The SCC officers will examine the existing signs and road markings with a view to improving them, if required.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Contact Officer:

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