

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

DATE: 14 July 2021
SUBJECT: Redhill Road, Cobham weight limit petition
DIVISION: Cobham

PETITION DETAILS:

A petition with 29 signatures has been received relating to Redhill Road, Cobham. The lead petitioner is Mr Peter Harman. The petition reads as follows:

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to Introduce a 7.5 ton weight limit on Redhill Road, Cobham

Residents are constantly disturbed and inconvenienced by HGV drivers sleeping in cabs both during the day and overnight. The waste they leave behind is unacceptable and a weight limit will force them to seek alternative designated HGV parks such as Cobham Services and not use residential streets. Planning Inspectors recently dismissed an appeal, and the company currently using a site on this road as an HGV park have been forced to find an alternative site. We want our leafy country road back for our enjoyment not as a lorry park. The weight limit will achieve this.

RESPONSE:

We believe there are other sites on this road where HGVs will require access so it is not possible to introduce a weight limit. There are no engineering reasons to justify such a measure, as the road is easily wide enough to accommodate HGVs, and the carriageway condition is adequate.

A parking restriction could theoretically be introduced to prohibit parking by HGVs, however, observations by officers do not support the idea that there is a regular or substantial problem that justifies the making of a traffic regulation order here. The road is wide enough to accommodate parking and allow the relatively little traffic on this road to pass without obstruction.

HGVs parked overnight would be in breach of their operator's licence, and therefore we recommend reporting them to Department for Transport's Traffic Commissioners office for enforcement, the contact details of which are available online at:
[Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to note the response.

Contact Officer: Adrian Harris, Engineer, Parking Team

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