



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE EPSOM & EWELL
21 July 2021**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

**Question 1 – Cllr Liz Frost
Re: Pedestrian Improvements**

Residents with mobility problems and using wheelchairs or mobility scooters to travel from the Downs to the Town via Chalk Lane face significant difficulties. Some of these are also problems for those pushing buggies.

- There are no dropped kerbs to get across Langley Vale Road at the junction with Ashley Road / Corner Road.
- The bottom of Chalk Lane, from Sir Visto Mews to the Chalk Lane Hotel is very narrow
- Visibility is difficult, and no dropped kerb, at the Chalk Lane / Worple Road junction
- No pavement / usable pavement for wheelchairs or mobility scooters along Worple Road until Squirrels Way.

I appreciate that the Chalk Lane / Worple Road junction is going to be re-designed soon and hope that that will address some of the concerns there.

Please would you look at the other issues and provide solutions such as -

- Dropped kerbs to cross the top of Langley Vale Road.
- Signs at the bottom of Chalk Lane and Worple Road giving priority to pedestrians
- A cycle lane in Worple Road between Chalk Lane and Squirrels Way to help with wheelchair users who are not able to use the pavement because of the uneven surface.

Officer Response:

To achieve this, we would need to modify and enlarge the traffic island in the Langley Vale Road bell mouth. This would need to be investigated through feasibility and design as a minor improvement scheme. Consideration would also need to be given to provision of push button controlled facilities, which would raise the cost. The Area Highway Manager would be pleased to add this location to Committee's ITS prioritisation list for a potential new feasibility study, if Committee were to anticipate that this junction could become a priority in the near future.

We are heavily constrained in these locations by the space available within the Public Highway boundary. There may be options for a combination of traffic management, calming and reduction that could ease these problems, or indeed some kind of space sharing arrangement as suggested. There are no signs that give pedestrians priority over vehicles in a carriageway. The Area Highway Manager would be pleased to explore potential options with any interested stakeholders.

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