

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)
07 MARCH 2022**



AGENDA ITEM 05

WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1: from Mr Drew Hill

There are ever increasing safety concerns from local residents on Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood between Manor Road North and the A309 Kingston by pass which is the location of both Hinchley Wood Primary and Secondary school, could Surrey County Council introduce a 20 mph speed limit and a reduction in the maximum weight limit for vehicles which is currently set at 7.5 tonnes?

Response

Many thanks for raising the concerns over road safety on this stretch of road. This road is very busy with school children due to the presence of the two schools. In recent years this stretch benefitted from substantial investment in a wider shared pedestrian cycle path along the frontage of the schools along with an improved crossing point on Manor Lane North. A lower 20mph speed limit would be desirable to reinforce the need for drivers to take special care to moderate their speed on this stretch due to the presence of large numbers of pedestrians and cyclists at school journey times. It is notable that there is already traffic calming on Claygate Lane that would support a new lower 20mph speed limit. In accordance with the County Council's speed limit policy the first step would be to commission speed surveys to see if a new lower speed limit would be viable. If existing speeds are 24mph or less, then a new speed limit without any further supporting measures would be acceptable. It is recommended that the adjoining roads Chesterfield Drive, Cumberland Drive and Hinchley Way would also be included. Due to the presence of the traffic calming and the width of the roads and presence of parking there is a good possibility that any further traffic calming measures would not be required. If this is the case then a new lower speed limit consisting of signing and the associated legal orders would cost about £15,000. Officers would be happy to discuss with the local member the possible sources of funding for commissioning the speed surveys and also for consideration of prioritisation of a scheme.

Question 2: from Ms Katherine Cooke

Could Surrey County Council advise what actions can be taken to improve road safety at the A309 Kingston Bypass crossing by the Hinchley Park Estate and Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood? This is a key route to local schools and my son was recently hit by a car which didn't stop at a red light.

Response

Surrey County Council takes road safety very seriously and works with the Police and other organisations such as schools to help reduce the number of personal injury accidents on our roads. Surrey's Safer Travel Team work with schools to improve education and lead the process to assess road safety to and from schools. These assessments for Hinchley Wood School and Hinchley Wood Primary School led to the recent works to provide footway/cycleway facilities and improved crossings, including the zebra crossing at the junction of Claygate Lane and Manor Road North.

Surrey's Safer Travel Team also work with schools to assist with School Travel Plans and deliver safety education initiatives. Both Hinchley Wood School and Hinchley Wood Primary School are active in promoting safety education and sustainable travel initiatives. Further information on school road safety is available at

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-safety>
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-safety/outside-schools>

Failure to comply with the traffic signals is a police enforcement issue as this is a criminal offence, for which the police is the sole highway enforcement agency. The concerns have previously been raised to Surrey Police for consideration in their enforcement duties. The concerns will be raised again to Surrey Police and residents may wish to make their own representations. Residents may be interested in the Drive Smart initiative, which has the aims of reducing road casualties, tackling anti-social driving and making the county's roads safer and less stressful for everyone. The below websites include information on reporting concerns, enforcement, education and Community Speed Watch initiatives.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-safety/safer-roads-partnership-road-safety-strategy-2019-2021>
<https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-b/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>

Question 3: from Ms Karen Liddell

Regarding the resolution of Elmbridge Local Committee of 16th November 2020 on Petition 2, Summer Road/ Hampton Court Way junction the lead officer Zena Curry, Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager is failing to communicate with Summer Road Action Group (SRAG). When is the commitment to do a "proper study" (see minutes) or Feasibility Study to be programmed, and when will the commitment to engage with the local community commence? We understand that Elmbridge Councillors agree to a "master plan approach" (see minutes) being adopted so can this be programmed and agreed in the context of the three surrounding development sites, one of which has planning permission granted on appeal, one is awaiting a decision on a current planning application (2021/3258), and the last is subject to pre-application discussion? Additionally, although not covered in the resolution, can the SCC Property Services officers be instructed to make contact with the owner of the site to the south of Summer Road, Thames Ditton on the Hampton Court Way to discuss a potential breach of the Registered Title SY635188 covenant, put in place when Surrey CC sold the land, that restricts the use of the site to agricultural use only, and potentially negotiate a land take back to facilitate a future highway scheme?

Response

The committee decision in response to the petition of November 2020 was "Include a scheme at the Summer Road/ Hampton Court Way junction on the prioritisation list for consideration in a future highway programme." As you have mentioned, a scheme is included on the overall ITS list, seen at Annex 3 in the published papers for the committee meeting of 7 March 2022. To date, the scheme has not been prioritised for inclusion in any forward programme. Should a scheme be prioritised, engagement with the local community would be undertaken; this would include discussion with the divisional members and with consideration of consultation guidance at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/roads-and-transport-consultations/our-roads-and-transport-consultation-responsibilities>

Regarding the 'masterplan' approach. Elmbridge is not opposed to a masterplan approach to mitigate development in this area provided SCC are satisfied that there is a demand due to the impact on the highway network. If a masterplan is taken forward for the area the exact scope and nature will need to be determined at the time of commissioning. Any proposal put forward in the master plan will need to take account of any extant planning permissions. It may be possible to amend some of the agreed highway improvement work in extant permissions provided the

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legal agreement and conditions are not prescriptive in the works secured. However, if this is not possible there is no mechanism to force them to amend the planning permission to accommodate the proposed masterplan. As the masterplan is progressed Elmbridge planning officers can give it due regard and weight when assessing planning applications and pre application proposals.

The land in title SY635188 is in private ownership. As there is no feasibility study planned the Council is not in a position to consider the acquisition of the land. Any potential breach of covenant would be a separate matter for investigation.

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