

Record of Meeting/Discussion

Project Title Area 3 Commission

Division HWY/HAS

Subject A3 Guildford – Beechcroft Drive

Project No. 200661/430/A3/101

Location Beechcroft Drive, Guildford and Guildford BC offices

Date of 3 January 2008
Meeting

Present [REDACTED] MP for Guildford
 [REDACTED] PA to [REDACTED] MP
 [REDACTED] Beechcroft Drive Resident (Chair, Residents Association)
 [REDACTED] Beechcroft Drive Resident
 [REDACTED] Beechcroft Drive Resident (*attended site meeting only*)
 [REDACTED] Surrey Police
 [REDACTED] Surrey University & Research Park
 [REDACTED] Surrey CC – Head of Transportation
 [REDACTED] Surrey CC
 [REDACTED] Surrey CC
 [REDACTED] Guildford BC
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 [REDACTED] Guildford BC
 [REDACTED] Guildford BC
 [REDACTED] Previous councillor, Guildford BC
 [REDACTED] Highways Agency – Traffic Operations
 [REDACTED] Highways Agency – Network Strategy
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 [REDACTED] Mott MacDonald

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1	<p><u>Site meeting at Beechcroft Drive</u></p> <p>Residents' Concerns</p> <p>Safety of Junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Poor view of approaching traffic when joining A3 N/bound o Lack of acceleration splay for vehicles joining A3 N/bound o Lack of deceleration splay when breaking to turn in from A3 N/bound (also tight radius at entrance to Beechcroft Drive). o 50mph limit on A3 not observed <p>Residents do not want central gap in A3 closed as long as Beechcroft Drive access open as felt that it was safer to turn right from A3 S/bound into Beechcroft Drive (has deceleration area next to central reserve) than to break</p>	

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	and turn left in from A3 N/bound.	
1.2	Noise and pollution from increasing traffic on A3 since houses built in 1953	
1.3	Sight lines and verge clearance works	
	Debris had been left on verge/embankment blocking drainage. Flooding had occurred in the garden of "The Spinney" (No 1a Beechcroft Drive - [REDACTED]) and had resulted in low garden wall being damaged - [REDACTED] (HA) agreed to investigate issue.	HA ()
	<u>Meeting at Guildford BC Offices</u>	
2	Beechcroft Drive Issues	
2.1	Current Access Standard	
	All agreed that access was sub-standard and not desirable for levels of traffic flows on A3.	
	Residents had been told that traffic had increased by 25% over past 2 years. HA indicated that overall traffic growth is in order of 1 to 2% per year.	
	Improvements to provide even limited deceleration splay on A3 N/bound would require retaining structure and land-take. Still would not provide access to current design standards.	
2.2	Speed enforcement on A3	
	Surrey Police highlighted difficulties with enforcement along A3 Guildford Bypass with conventional methods (i.e. using following car not possible as lack of suitable stopping place on route).	
	SPECS camera system that measures average speed over a distance is ideal solution for A3 Guildford Bypass. Need camera at every entry and exit point along monitored section, which makes it an expensive system to install, but has low running costs. Idea has been submitted by Surrey Safety Partnership as one of a number of ideas for dealing with traffic on A3 route once Hindhead tunnel completed for consideration by HA.	HA(PB)/ [REDACTED] ()
2.3	Surrey University/Research Park Agreement	
	Agreement in place that Highways Agency can create an alternative access across University land, through research park if, as highway authority, they wished to close existing access onto A3. HA would also have to have reached agreement on funding of construction and maintenance costs for any such new access. There is no time limit to the Surrey University agreement.	

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2.4	<p>Safety Record of A3 at Beechcroft Drive</p>	
	<p>indicated that since January 2003 to October 2007 there had been 2 serious injury and 10 slight injury accidents in and around Beechcroft Drive access (including at gap in the central reserve opposite).</p>	
2.5	<p>Solutions to Sub-standard Access</p>	
	<p>(HA) confirmed that monies had been bid for 2008/09 to investigate construction costs of providing alternative access through University research park and assessing benefits of closing the Beechcroft Drive access onto the A3 (including closing gap in central reserve opposite). Outcome of study would enable cost/benefits of such a scheme to be evaluated. HA needed to prioritise how its limited funds are spent and any proposal would be assessed for funding along with all other safety schemes in the Highways Agency improvement programme.</p>	
	<p>(HA) agreed to let know if bid for study monies had been successful.</p>	<p>HA ()</p>
	<p>In addition, short-term safety improvement measures to make access more conspicuous (e.g. signing and carriageway markings) are being investigated for possible implementation.</p>	<p>HA ()/ ()</p>
	<p>It was noted that 18 households in Beechcroft Drive were in favour of closing the existing access onto the A3 (if alternative access provided) and 3 were against/undecided.</p>	
2.6	<p>Funding Sources</p>	
	<p>(HA) confirmed that HA would be primarily responsible in funding construction of new access road (if proposal successful in getting into HA programme) although Surrey CC/Guildford BC may contribute. However, issue of ongoing future maintenance costs would need to be resolved.</p>	
	<p>Alternative sources of funding to be investigated. Possibility of scheme being looked at as part of a bigger package of improvements to several junctions along A3 aimed at improving traffic along A3 and in and around Guildford. Partnership approach with Surrey CC and Highways Agency.</p>	<p>HA ()/ SCC ()</p>
2.7	<p>Noise and Air Quality</p>	
	<p>Beechcroft Drive residents had been in long correspondence with HA and its predecessors regarding noise reduction.</p>	
	<p>(HA) confirmed that porous asphalt (i.e. quieter surfacing) laid in 1996 as an alternative to noise barrier (not able to physically fit one in).</p>	

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3	<p>[REDACTED], residents of Beechcroft Drive, left meeting.</p> <p>Other A3 Guildford Area Issues</p> <p>3.1 Expansion of Guildford and Traffic Congestion.</p> <p>Regional Transport Board (who advise Ministers on the priority of major improvements on regional trunk roads such as A3) has included on its 10-year project list £40m for HA to improve 4 junctions on A3 (Burpham/Woking Road/Cathedral/A31) by 2014-16. Surrey CC also has an additional £25-£30m included for "Guildford Hub" in similar time period</p> <p>HA A3 junction proposals still being developed. 50% of peak hour traffic on A3 Guildford area had origin/destination in Guildford. HA proposals will need to manage traffic on and around A3 at Guildford and would be a package approach including technology solutions such as access management, variable speed limits etc.</p> <p>"Guildford Hub" includes emphasis on strategic transport interchange and promotion of short journeys into hub to make transfer for longer distance journeys (e.g. Rail, Public Transport, Park & Ride etc).</p> <p>Acknowledged that SE Plan will put more growth (including a substantial number of houses) into Guildford and surrounding area. HA and Surrey CC working in partnership to balance local and strategic traffic needs.</p> <p>Working Group including HA/Surrey CC/ Guildford BC has recently been proposed to look at implementation of final SE Plan proposals. [REDACTED] (SCC) agreed that local members should be kept informed of progress and agreed to do presentation to SCC Local Area Committee.</p> <p>3.2 Hindhead Tunnel</p> <p>Currently traffic "rat-runs" on local roads to avoid Hindhead bottleneck, but then rejoins A3. Once tunnel complete, traffic on A3 will need to be managed (see 3.1 above).</p> <p>3.3 Environmental Issues</p> <p>Noise – issues with noise (other than Beechcroft Drive) around Clay Lane. Existing broken close-board fence proposed to be replaced and passed to Guildford BC for maintenance.</p> <p>[REDACTED] (HA) confirmed that road resurfacing done when maintenance needs require it and that current HA policy is to use quieter surfacing.</p> <p>Air Quality – no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) on A3, however, area near Dennis Roundabout very close to being an AQMA. Air Quality</p>	<p>SCC ()</p> <p>HA ()/MM ()</p>

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	may influence development in certain areas. <i>Meeting closed at 12:15pm</i>	

