

Traffic Calming

During the preparation of PNF Plan the members have discussed the possibility of traffic calming in Coldharbour Road in the area of the School and the Church. In early December 2014 a proposal for a scheme similar to the one in Camphill Road by the schools was sent to the SCC Highways Dept. Below is a copy of the proposal and the SCC response of 19th December 2014.

It is evident from several negative responses from members of the PNF that this type of traffic calming is not favoured for this location. However it will be noted that the SCC has received a request to install a 20mph speed limit in this area but it is well down the priority list and unlikely to be implemented in the near future. It is also believed that the Governors of the School have discussed several possibilities for traffic calming including the introduction of traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing like the Marist School in West Byfleet.

What is needed is a comprehensive traffic survey from the Marshall parade to the Village Hall to determine what type of traffic calming would be the most effective. However at the moment no funds are available from SCC or WBC for this survey. Even if a scheme is proposed and funds are available for implementation a consultation involving all parties affected would be needed before going ahead.

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Subject: SCC Ref ME-42656 - Coldharbour Road, Pyrford

Dear Mr Berriman and Mr Dodd

Thank you for your enquiry regarding Coldharbour Road and the changes that you are proposing.

It would be unusual for a traffic calming scheme to include a length of road widening to allow parking and two-way traffic as this is unlikely to reduce vehicle speeds. Additionally, widening the road is likely to make such a scheme prohibitively expensive, particularly as I believe that there is a BT duct that runs along the length of the footway where you propose the widening and this service would either have to be lowered or diverted as this footway would become part of the carriageway.

The traffic calming that you refer to in Camphill Road, West Byfleet would appear to be causing some congestion issues and it is intended to remove the "priority give way" features as part of the school expansion there. Such features, particularly when placed on a straight section of road or any other location where the forward visibility is clear for some distance, can actually lead to an increase in vehicles speeds. I know this from experience at another authority where a restriction like this was removed because of an increase in speed that was caused by vehicles that should have given way actually accelerating to beat any oncoming vehicle through the restriction.

We currently have no plans for any work in Coldharbour Road. We have an item on our work programme for a request for a 20mph limit outside the school and this item is ranked 32nd on our work programme, which is approximately half way down our list. However, at the


moment, I cannot say whether this will go ahead and if it does, whether it will be by signing only or whether traffic calming measures will be required. The existing vehicle speeds will determine whether physical measures would be required.

I am sorry that I cannot provide a more positive response to your enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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ME-42656

Dear Sirs

We are assisting the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum to prepare a plan for the future development of Pyrford.

One of the areas that suffers from severe traffic congestion is Coldharbour Road by the Church of the Good Shepherd and the adjacent Pyrford Schools. This is particularly bad when a function at the Church coincides with the parents delivering or collecting children outside the schools.

We are therefore proposing a new traffic calming system for this area (see sketch attached).

This would be similar to the system by the schools in Camphill Road, West Byfleet.

The road would be restricted to one vehicle width to the North of the Church of the Good Shepherd and North of the Village Hall. Priority would be given to traffic leaving the area between the restrictions.

Coldharbour Road would need to be widened to allow two-way traffic with cars parked on the school side.

The scheme would make crossing the road safer by eliminating speeding.

Would it be possible for one of your Highway Officers to review what we are proposing and advise whether it would be feasible. Alternatively we should be pleased if SCC could propose a better traffic calming scheme for this area.

Kind regards

Derek Berriman and Brian Dodd

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COLDHARBOUR RD TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSAL

LOVELACE DR
COLDHARBOUR RD

RESTRICTION TO ONE
VEHICLE WIDTH

CHURCH

SCHOOL

COLDHARBOUR RD
WIDENED TO
ALLOW TRAFFIC BOTH
WAYS WITH CARS
PARKED ON SCHOOL SIDE

CRICKET
GROUND

RYEFORD HEATH

RESTRICTION TO ONE
VEHICLE WIDTH

TEGGSLANE

HALL

ENGLIFF LANE

PRIORITY TO VEHICLES
LEAVING AREA BETWEEN
WIDTH RESTRICTIONS

UPSHOT LANE

