

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

Speeding, increased traffic flow and pedestrian safety

An increase in the type, volume and speed of traffic passing through the village is reported as a major issue. Residents, Businesses and Stakeholders are concerned about pedestrian safety, residents' ease of access to local shops and businesses and the damage and inconvenience that HGV's can create on local roads. There is also an understanding that businesses receive deliveries from suppliers, some of whom may use large vehicles. However central roads can become congested with buses, lorries and cars trying to navigate a way through congested streets.

Residents report that the problem frequently increases when traffic problems on major roads and motorways results in HGV's using the village roads as a cut through. To try and limit the volume and speed of traffic many Tadworth roads have traffic calming measures. Residents' feedback would suggest that some of those who live on these roads do not feel that they deliver the desired results, not slowing traffic and creating extra noise. Other areas of the village also report traffic noise as a significant factor.

■ Background

Areas of the village experience traffic flow in different ways at different times.

Heathcote (Tadworth Primary)

- Congestion
- High volumes of traffic at key times
- Concerns for pedestrian safety
- Verges damaged by large vehicles

Shelvers Way

- Noise from speed bumps
- High volume of traffic
- Traffic using Shelvers Way to U-turn back onto the A217
- Speeding traffic, larger vehicles not slowed by the speed tables
- Used as a rat run
- A217 noise



Dorking Road

- Motorbike noise particularly at weekends
- Pedestrian safety crossing the road to access the Heath
- Speeding traffic
- Accidents at junction of New Road - Dorking Road

Ashurst Road

- Speeding over speed bumps
- High volume of traffic
- HGV's use the road as a cut through
- Humps unpopular and reported not to work
- Noise from speed bumps

Tadworth Street

- Congestion of traffic entering the A217 roundabout
- Speeding
- HGV's travelling on a narrow and congested road
- Chinthurst School congestion from parents parking
- Used as a rat run
- Needs several safe crossing places for children
- Poor sightlines by the Hoppety

Cross Road

- Congestion around the parade with lorries unloading, Bus stops increase delays
- Pedestrian safety crossing to shops
- Traffic u-turning after shopping (mini roundabout at the start of Ashurst Road suggested)



Epsom Lane South

- Pedestrian Safety

Station Approach/Ave

- Pedestrian Safety crossing road mouth of The Avenue
- Parked cars and delivery lorries congest the roads and at times block the bus route
- Speeding traffic early and late

Tadorne Road

- Traffic rat run
- Needs a safe crossing place for children

Downs Way

- Traffic rat run
- Speeding traffic

■ **Actions**

- Police have been tracking speeds in Tadworth Street
- Look at current and potential future HGV restrictions on access roads for Tadworth
- Gain understanding of pedestrian routes and crossings to schools and in the Village Centre
- Investigation of speeds on the Dorking Road at weekends
- Once traffic speeds are mapped, traffic calming measures can be considered, particularly slow speeds in the Village Centre and by the schools
- Tadworth School Signs in Tadworth Street to advise drivers to slow
- Slip road onto the A217 from Tadworth Street to free up traffic flow - under development

- **Lead/Responsible Agency:**
 - Surrey Police
 - Surrey County Council (SCC)
 - Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

- **Resources:**
 - Officer time for initial investigation of speed issues
 - Potential spending on instigating actions

- **Timescale:**
 - Short term for investigation
 - Medium term for actions

- **Outcome Measuring/Reporting:**
 - Better understanding of the speeds on local roads
 - Speeds reduced on target roads

- **Local Community : What you can do**
 - Drive slowly in the Village
 - Find alternatives to using the car

