

Petition presented by **Councillor Sean Fitzsimons** on behalf of residents at the Council meeting on 30 January 2017

*“We the undersigned request that Croydon Council reviews and actions changes, in the short term to reduce the high levels of non local traffic using Addiscombe Court Road and Tunstall Road as a rat run, caused by their recent changes in making Lebanon Road one way. In order to return our residential roads to pre-change levels of traffic and to remove the potential risks associated with traffic overtaking and cutting across the Trams into Addiscombe Court Road.*

*We also request that these issues are brought before the Traffic Management Committee at the next available meeting and that all decisions and options are discussed openly and fully with ALL residents in the surrounding area not just those requesting the change.”*

### **Response from Councillor Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment**

The Council is aware of the problems cause by through traffic on Addiscombe Court Road, Tunstall Road and Canning Road, Addiscombe, and is already working with residents on the development of a set of workable solutions to these issues. A report on this subject is to be presented to the February meeting of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee in which a package of measures will be put forward and recommended for local consultation. If agreed, this consultation will be carried out early in the new financial year, to enable implementation to take place within the 2017/18 local implementation plan work programme.

Petition presented by **Councillor Jane Avis** on behalf of residents at the Council meeting on 30 January 2017

*"To Councillor Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, we the undersigned have serious concerns about the speed of traffic on South Norwood hill and also the removal of the lighting at the pedestrian refuges close to the bus stops on South Norwood Hill.*

*There have recently been some serious accidents on the stretch of South Norwood Hill between Whitehorse Lane and south Norwood High Street and it is our contention that a fatal accident is very likely. We suggest that a speed camera, similar to the one near the top of South Norwood Hill, be installed to address the speed issue.*

*We further suggest that those pedestrian refuges on this part of South Norwood Hill be properly lit."*

## **Response from Councillor Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment**

I understand entirely residents' desire for the installation of a safety (speed) camera on South Norwood Hill. Unfortunately, these devices are not in the Council's gift to provide, as they are controlled and maintained by the London Safety Camera Partnership (LSCP), which is made up of Transport for London (TfL), the Metropolitan Police and Her Majesty's Courts Service (HMCS). The LSCP currently restrict the use of cameras to sites where there is a proven history of road traffic collisions involving fatal or serious personal injuries and where speed has been reported to have been a contributory factor. These criteria have been laid down by Central Government to ensure that resources are properly targeted, and unfortunately the council is not able to influence allocation outside these criteria. The Council plays no part in the maintenance and day to day running of this equipment and, hence, must accept the decisions made by the London Safety Camera Partnership over the provision of this equipment. For further information on safety cameras in London please see the TfL website

at:- <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/safety-and-security/road-safety/safety-enforcement-cameras>

The Council has no enforcement powers over moving vehicle offenses such as speeding. However, I have asked council officers to ensure that the Metropolitan Police are advised of the concerns raised in this petition, and request that the police carry out additional enforcement. Local residents may also wish to contact them directly over this matter.

Another option may be for South Norwood Hill to receive some monitoring under the 'Road Watch' project. This project uses local resident volunteers, supported by the Police Community Support Officers, to monitor traffic speeds using laser guns and electronic display signs. The information gathered by the teams is then passed on to the Metropolitan Police, to target regular offenders for speed enforcement. The day-to-day management of 'Road Watch' is carried out by the Metropolitan Police's Safer

Neighbourhood Teams and they can be contacted on their email address:- [communityroadwatchcroydon@met.police.uk](mailto:communityroadwatchcroydon@met.police.uk) For further information on the Safer Neighbourhood teams, please see their web site at:- <http://www.met.police.uk/teams/croydon/index.php>

With regard to the lighting issues, the council has undertaken a borough wide street lighting replacement programme with our contractor, Skanska. All the street lights on South Norwood Hill have been upgraded to the modern standard with 250 watt lamps, which provide greater lighting levels than the previous lamps on this road. The bollards on the refuge islands have also been replaced with a modern high reflectivity design, which provides greater conspicuity without having to be internally lit. These modern bollards are also of a knock down and spring back design, so they are resistant to minor knocks which would have seen the loss of the old style bollards.

Given the concerns raised in the petition, I have asked highway officers to investigate the collision problems on South Norwood Hill and to propose any practicable measures that might help encourage lower traffic speeds and improve road safety for all road users.

I have also asked our engineers to add South Norwood Hill to the list of sites to be considered for one of the Council's mobile SpeedVisor devices, which are designed to inform motorists of their speed and encourage them to slow down. Our experience shows that they can be effective in reducing traffic speeds and the information collected is regularly presented to the Metropolitan Police as part of the intelligence they use to target further speed enforcement action. There are many roads requesting this equipment, and our current programme of work is fully booked until the end of the current financial year (2016/17), but I will ensure that South Norwood Hill is included as soon as possible within our programme for the new financial year.