



**Newsletter No.86– 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**

### **1. Ferdi Fischer**

It is our sad duty to advise residents who are not already aware that Ferdi Fischer, a stalwart member of the TRG Committee for many years and a respected and popular resident of Princes Road since 1985, died on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

He is much missed by friends, neighbours and the TRG Committee.

Our thoughts are with his family.

### **2. Annual General Meeting**

The 2026 AGM will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Princes Newt, 27 Princes Road at 20.00 hours

As well as the normal formalities, we will be feeding back on discussions/correspondence between the Committee and Cllr Tim Oliver and County Highways officials on the outcomes from traffic and parking in the Triangle.

It is also our intention to invite the two councillors elected to represent Weybridge on the newly formed East Surrey Council. ( Their names should be known on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

The procedure and deadlines for raising resolutions or seeking election at the AGM can be found in the [TRG Constitution](#), sections 8-12.

It is our view that additions to the Committee are needed to ensure that it properly reflects the interests of all parts of the Triangle community. Involvement is unlikely to be time-consuming.

The reduction in the number of councillors following the Surrey reorganisation means that respected voluntary bodies like TRG will be increasingly important to ensure that residents' concerns are taken into account.

### **3. Traffic & Parking: Continuing discussions with Surrey County Council representatives**

Following a further meeting with the Leader of Surrey County Council and Council Officers on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the Committee has written to Cllr Oliver to press for action on points we consider important for the safety and well-being of residents. A copy of this email is attached as Appendix 1.

### **4. [2026/0446](#) - Rear of 85 Queens Road Weybridge Surrey KT13 9UQ**

This is an application for change of use of an existing commercial building to two residential units with no provision for off-street parking.

If approved, this will inevitably result in increased pressures on parking and the anti-social behaviour that is associated with this ( eg: blocking or overlapping driveways)

TRG will object to Elmbridge BC in relation to this proposal on the grounds that it continues to fail to satisfy the requirements of DM7 because of the lack of on-site parking and of on-road parking stress in South Road, York Road and the Triangle. The amenity of local residents is being seriously affected by the continuing failure to provide for adequate parking on developments in the area of the Queens Road local centre, which is having an increasing and cumulative impact of serious on-street parking stress.

Planning inspectors have observed these pressures when rejecting earlier appeals on No.85 applications.

In the last rejected appeal (2023/2215), the Inspector saw no reason to demur from the consistent view that the proposed development would not meet the requirements of DM7.

To date, 10 appeals by developers against EBC decisions relating to the old Cafe Rouge site have been considered by the Inspectorate, split evenly between the main building and the land to the rear. All have been rejected, the majority of which have included lack of parking provision as one reason for rejection and the threat of increasing parking stress in the surrounding area. This includes the latest two appeals, 2023/1127 and 2023/2215, rejected in 2024.

Residents can make representations to EBC by email to [tplan@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:tplan@elmbridge.gov.uk), remembering to include the application details and number (**2026/0446**) and their own name and address, or via the [EBC Portal](#).

## **5. TRG Committee & Communications**

Triangle residents who would like to join the Committee or participate in TRG activities should email [trgweybridge@gmail.com](mailto:trgweybridge@gmail.com) or speak to Nick Thrupp on 0750 0549178.

TRG normally communicates with residents via email. Please let us know at [trgweybridge@gmail.com](mailto:trgweybridge@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to our e-mail list.

The TRG Committee (Nick Thrupp, Dave Arnold, Niall Gallagher, Greg Popper, Margaret Ralston and Alan Wright)

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## **Appendix 1**

4<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Councillor T Oliver,

Leader of the Council,

Surrey County Council.

Dear Tim,

We thank you for your continuing support and for your officers for considering and responding to the points that we raised in our email of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

We have reflected on their responses. Our reactions/suggestions are as follows:

1 New Road

The response rate in New Road was relatively low, though more than 70% of respondents did support residents' parking.

TRG has some sympathy for residents' problems. Notwithstanding potential knock-on effects elsewhere in the Triangle if Residents' Parking were to be introduced in that one street, we will re-test opinions there.

If we are persuaded that the required majority is in favour, we will approach you again to request that this be progressed.

2 Provision of some spaces for cars to park in Pine Grove near the junction with Princes Road (PR)

We are pleased that the recommendation to permit parking on this part of Pine Grove is accepted. However, we have reservations about the officers' proposal that a single yellow line should be in operation for one hour.

As the purpose of this change is to slow traffic entering Pine Grove, having one hour in which this does not happen seems counter-productive.

We therefore request that the single yellow line along the small section of the road near the Princes Road junction be removed entirely.

3 Narrowing of Pine Grove (PG)

We continue to be concerned about road speeds in Pine Grove, particularly approaching the major blind bend.

We note that Pine Grove broadens between the steps into New Road and Chester Place, and that the mouth of Dresden is often used as additional carriageway, encouraging vehicles travelling towards Hanger Hill not to reduce speed.

We therefore request that Surrey County Council produce a feasible plan that would be set in train and hopefully fully implemented in the foreseeable future for mitigating the risks. Key features should include:

- narrowing PG between the steps into New Road and Chester Place
- placing a table by the steps into New Road
- narrowing the mouth of Dresden.

Work to evaluate potential solutions for the speeding issues on Pine Grove, between New Road and Hanger Hill, is still required.

#### 4 Traffic Island/bollard in Hanger Hill

It would appear that officers understood TRG's request to be for a traffic island/bollard situated in Pine Grove.

With our apologies for any lack of clarity on our part, in fact the solution that we favour would be a pedestrian refuge in Hanger Hill, positioned to prevent vehicles coming from the direction of the station from cutting the corner at speed.

We request that this option be considered.

#### 5. Improved 20 mph signage

We are still concerned that drivers entering PG from Hanger Hill, who are unfamiliar with the area, are so preoccupied with the manoeuvre that they fail to notice the 20mph signs posted at that entry to PG.

We therefore request that a 20mph sign be painted in the road on the upslope in PG outside number 22.

We would also wish to take the officers up on their offer of additional 20mph repeater signs in PG.

#### **6. Squaring off of PR/PG junction**

Regrettably, the current arrangement isn't reducing road speeds entering PG from PR. In our view, further steps need to be taken, such as extending the current built out section or insertion of a bollard placed in the road at the entrance to PG to slow traffic.

We request that Surrey County Council consider this.

#### **7. Repainting yellow lines and other worn road markings**

We have identified the area at the junction of Princes Rd, York Rd (south) and Grove Place outside the Jolly Farmer as a priority.

We will identify other specific areas of concern and highlight them to you.

#### **8. Bellmouth outside the Jolly Farmer**

We are of the view that a pedestrian refuge would be the best solution to ill-disciplined and potentially dangerous driving at this junction. It would improve traffic flow, reduce corner cutting and disincentivise parking on the corner double yellow lines. We believe this would be more effective than building out the pavement outside number 50.

We would ask your officers to consider this further.

## **9. Enforcement**

Residents are reluctant to accept that enforcement of parking regulations takes place regularly, particularly in relation to the roads outside the Jolly Farmer and those at the rear of Manby Lodge School.

It would be helpful if Surrey County Council could provide a schedule to show how frequently enforcement officers are scheduled to visit to monitor and enforce adherence to parking restrictions and the frequency of visits over the last quarter in a form that can be shared with residents.

## **10. Manby Lodge School**

We note Surrey County Council's installation of a zebra crossing in PR at the rear of Manby Lodge School and recognise that this will address some of the safety parking concerns raised by residents

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these points with you further.

Finally, we note that the officers have expressed reluctance to take on new work prior to the reorganisation of Surrey into two separate unitary authorities. While this is understandable, we would encourage them to undertake and document some of the preparatory thinking so that we are not starting from scratch in 2027.

With best wishes,

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Triangle Residents' Group



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