



Newsletter No.26 - 30th January 2019

Dear ,

Please be aware of the following important items.

1. Update: 20mph zone, HGV restrictions, measures to address dangerous bend in Pine Grove and road safety review of Manby Lodge School

At a meeting between Committee members, Cllr Tim Oliver (SCC) and Surrey Highways Department on 22nd January 2019, it was confirmed that CIL bids had been submitted for review and hopefully approval on 14th February 2019 for the following:

- A 20mph zone throughout the Triangle
- Restrictions on HGVs to prevent them from using Triangle roads as a short cut
- A raised platform outside the rear of Manby Lodge School to facilitate safer road crossing

The structural changes necessary to slow traffic approaching the hazardous blind bend in Pine Grove were also discussed, and it was agreed an outline bid should be submitted to allow for alterations to the junction between Queens Road and Princes Road, and Princes Road and Pine Grove, and to allow for raised tables either side of the dangerous bend in Pine Grove.

While it is possible implementation will take place in the financial year 2019/2020, owing to resource constraints it may be deferred until FY 2020/2021

All of these proposed changes are subject to consultation by SCC with affected residents prior to implementation.

2. 2018/2252 - Clive House, 12-18 Queens Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 9XE

This application is very similar to one rejected by the EBC Planning Committee and, on appeal, by the Inspector in February 2018. The latter described it as a ‘towering development, dominating the street scene,’ adding that the proposed scale and height, would have ‘a harmful impact on the character of the area, creating “a canyon-like effect” as well as swallowing up ‘the enjoyment of the visual prominence’ of Salisbury House, the locally listed building, at No 20 Queens Road.

Despite this, the Planning Officer has, predictably, recommended approval.

The application will be heard by the South Area Planning Committee on Monday 4th February 2019 at 19.00 in the Civic Offices, Esher.

Alan Wright will speak on behalf of TRG.

After his 3 minute submission, we will have to rely on our ward councillors to represent residents’ very strong views on this application.

Experience shows that a good turnout of residents at the planning meeting can influence the outcome.

We would therefore strongly recommend residents attend this meeting.

3. Parking

Surrey County Council plans to review the problem of saturation parking in The Triangle and the Committee has been asked to provide information on residents' views prior to the development of proposals.

The Committee did receive some feedback from residents following Newsletter 25, though not a sufficient amount for it to arrive at a conclusion as to what line to take.

The Committee's initial thinking is that, with several major building developments coming on stream shortly or at the planning stage, all of which either underprovide for parking or are likely to do so, the full extent of future problem is still unknown.

In addition, other factors could come into play. For example, should parking facilities at Weybridge railway station be increased and fees set at reasonable levels this could also have an impact as a certain proportion of day long parking in the Triangle is from commuters.

In view of these significant uncertainties our initial feeling is that, while a serious problem does exist and must be addressed, it may be prudent at this stage to focus on minor achievable changes and more rigorous enforcement of existing regulations.

These could comprise:

- New Road. Introduce some parking restrictions as situation so extreme (despite inevitable impact on other parts of the Triangle)
- If a chicane were installed in Hanger Hill section of PG near to the dangerous bend, prohibit parking on PG from Dresden to Electric Sub Station at Southwood Court.
- Enforce current parking restrictions vigorously
- Renew white lines delineating access to driveways and co-opt parking wardens to enforce compliance

- Reduce road speeds and increase parking capacity by removing DYLS on the left-hand side where Pine Grove joins Princes Rd.

Of course, the foregoing only considers parking from residents' points of view. Businesses in the Triangle and on Queens Road, as well as Weybridge Cricket Club (WCC) and The Jolly Farmer might have very different perspectives.

The Committee would like to continue to hear residents' views so that it can ascertain whether residents would prefer more significant changes despite current uncertainties (E.g: one or more Controlled Parking Zones in the Triangle) or would support a more cautious approach.

Please email us at trgweybridge@gmail.com if you haven't done so already or speak to a Committee Member.

Recognising that residents have very different views about parking restrictions or Controlled Parking Zones, we also plan to set aside time at the AGM (see below) to discuss parking further.

4. TRG AGM

The TRG AGM will be held at 20.00 on Tuesday, 26th March 2019 in Weybridge Cricket Club. Time is will be allocated to the topic of parking in the Triangle. A draft agenda will be circulated in due course.

TRG Committee/Communications

The Committee would welcome new members who are willing to contribute to its work. Duties are not onerous and can be tailored to the individual.

Please email us at trgweybridge@gmail.com or speak to a committee Member if you are interested

If you would like to comment on any of the above or raise any other issues with the Committee, please email trgweybridge@gmail.com.

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