

Please come to one of the following public exhibitions, at which there will be opportunity to indicate your preferred option:

- Thursday 11th December, 4.30pm to 8.30pm
Stoughton Infants School, Stoughton Road
- Saturday 13th December, 10.00am to 2.00pm
Methodist Church Hall, Grange Road

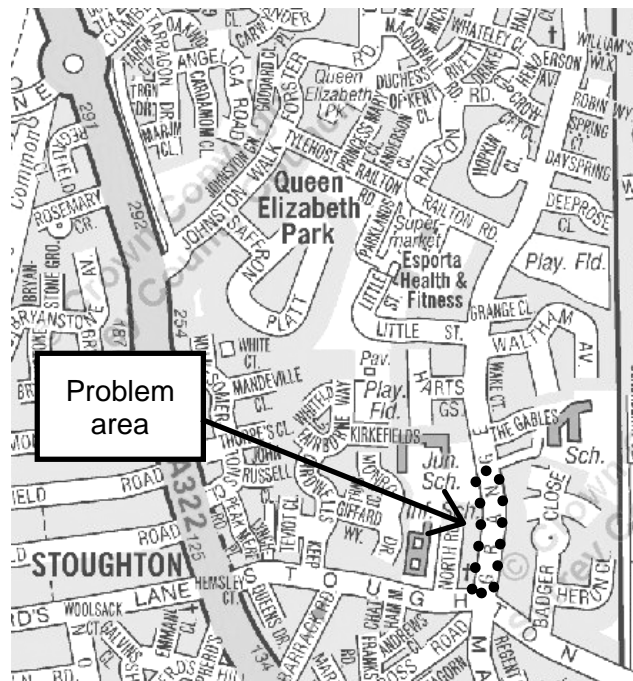


Grange Road Consultation Briefing, December 2008

Background

Surrey County Council is concerned for pedestrian safety in Grange Road, Stoughton. Between Northmead School and Stoughton Road, Grange Road is narrow, and the footways are narrow on both sides. A row of parked vehicles on the west side of this section narrows the road further so that there is not enough width for two-way traffic. Southbound drivers routinely mount the footway to avoid conflict with northbound drivers, creating a safety hazard for pedestrians. There are reports of children en route to Northmead School being struck by vehicles.

Local representatives have told Surrey County Council that there are no significant concerns regarding traffic congestion or speed at the present time. Great care would be taken to minimise displacement of problems to other roads, and to avoid creation of new problems.



The principal problem area is the southern end of Grange Road between Northmead School and Stoughton Road – this section of Grange Road is highlighted on the plan above. The aim of this consultation is to establish in principle the preferred option for the southern section of Grange Road. Once the preferred option has been established in principle, Surrey County Council will then commence the detailed design.

There are three feasible options for Grange Road:

1. Implement waiting restrictions (single and double yellow lines) in the southern section of Grange Road, to prevent parking at the times when the problem occurs
2. Implement a one-way system in the southern section of Grange Road
3. Do nothing

The three options are detailed below. Please consider all three options carefully. Please keep in mind that the main concern is for safety of children walking to school.

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Option 1

Implement waiting restrictions (single and double yellow lines) in the southern section of Grange Road, to prevent parking at the times when the problem occurs

This option would prevent the problem of vehicles driving on the footway by providing room for two-way traffic. Waiting restrictions could be designed to operate only at the times of day when the problem exists, thus minimising the impact on residents. This consultation aims to identify the times when the problem occurs. However it is not the aim of this consultation to decide the extent of the waiting restrictions. If this were the chosen option, the extent of waiting restrictions would be decided once detailed technical appraisal had been completed.

This option has a number of implications:

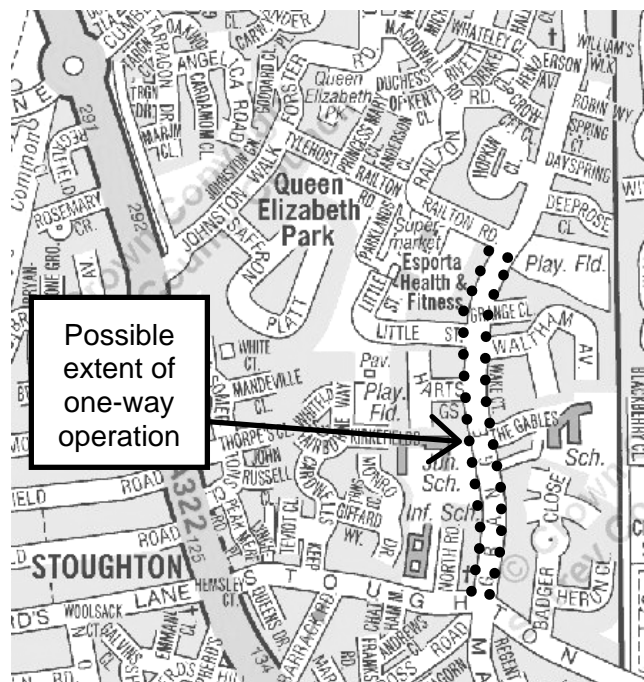
- This option would affect the fewest people – the only people that would be affected would be those who currently park in the narrow southern section Grange Road, between Northmead School and Stoughton Road.
- People who currently park in this section of Grange Road, would have to find alternative parking during the hours of operation of the waiting restriction.
- As parking would be displaced, great care would be needed to ensure that no problems were created elsewhere – this could result in new waiting restrictions being introduced outside the problem area – for example possible roads that might be affected by displaced parking include Grange Road to the north of the problem area, Stoughton Road, Badger Close, and North Road.

Option 2

Implement a one-way system in the southern section of Grange Road

This option would prevent the problem of vehicles driving on the footway by removing the conflict between drivers travelling in opposite directions. The possible extent of the one-way operation is shown in the adjacent plan.

It is not the aim of this consultation to decide the extent or direction of one-way operation. If this were the chosen option, the extent and direction of one-way operation would be decided once detailed technical appraisal of existing and likely traffic patterns had been completed.



This option has many far-reaching implications – many people would be permanently affected. In the problem area itself:

- This option would retain parking in Grange Road between Northmead School and Stoughton Road.
- This option would enable slight footway widening, which could further benefit pedestrians.
- This option could result in increased vehicle speeds in the problem area – traffic calming measures may be considered within the problem area to restrain vehicle speeds.

For Northmead School:

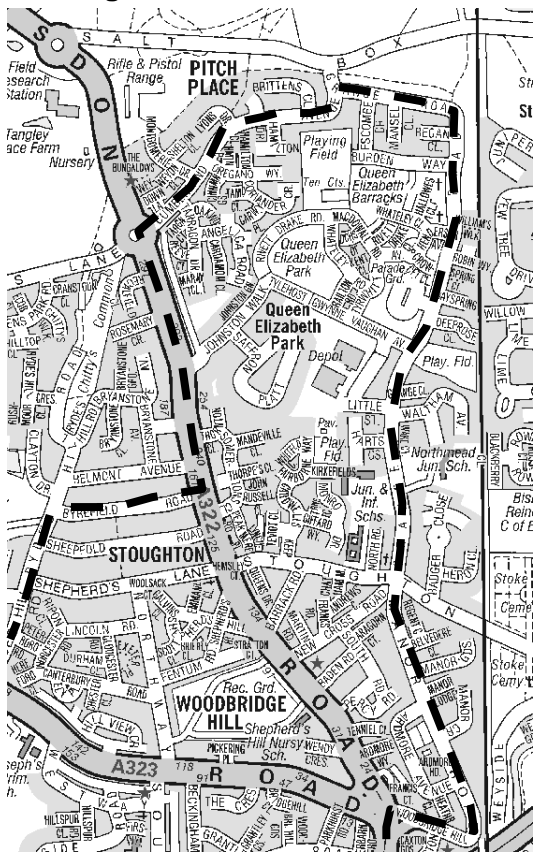
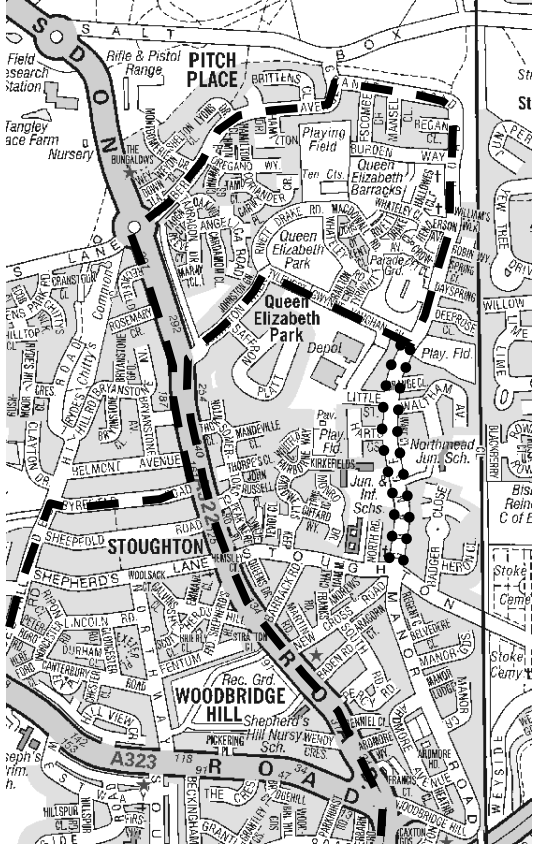
- This option would be highly beneficial for the School Crossing Patrol (lollypop-lady) at Northmead School, who would only have to manage traffic coming in one direction.
- This option would greatly simplify traffic patterns during the school run for those parents who have no choice but to drive their children to school.

For traffic patterns within Stoughton:

- Drivers would need to find an alternative route in one-direction – this alternative route could be up to 1½ miles longer.
- There is likely to be an increase in traffic along Johnston Walk, Tylehost and Railton Road, as these roads form the shortest alternative route.

For bus services within Stoughton:

- This option would result in the permanent diversion of the 26/27 bus service, as shown in the diagrams below.

<p>Existing route of 26/27 bus:</p> 	<p>New route of 26/27 bus:</p> 
<p>Existing route of 26/27 bus: Byrefield Road → Worplesdon Road → Cumberland Avenue → Grange Road → Manor Road → Woodbridge Hill → Worplesdon Road (and vice versa)</p>	<p>New route of 26/27 bus: Byrefield Road → Worplesdon Road → Cumberland Avenue → Grange Road → Railton Road → Tilehost → Johnston Walk → Worplesdon Road (and vice versa) This alternative route is approx ½ mile longer than the existing route.</p>

- The 26/27 bus would no longer serve Woodbridge Hill, Manor Road, or Grange Road between Railton Road and Stoughton Road.
- A new route and new bus stops would be established along Johnston Walk, Tylehost and Railton Road.
- The bus gate between Tylehost and Railton Road would be opened for bus use.
- The 26/27 route would include a length of double running along Worplesdon Road, which would be confusing to passengers.

Option 3 Do nothing

This option would not solve the problem of vehicles driving on the footway in Grange Road. This option would retain parking in Grange Road, and would have no effect on the 26/27 bus service.

Consultation and next steps

You are invited to explore details of the possible options and consequences at one of the following public exhibitions, at which there will be opportunity to indicate your preferred option:

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Surrey County Council are consulting a number of local stakeholders, including:

- Local residents
- Local businesses
- Local schools
- Stoughton Community Association and Queen Elizabeth Park Residents' Association
- Local bus operators
- Freight Transport Association and Road Haulage Association
- Local cycling groups
- Emergency Services
- Guildford Borough Council
- Local County and Borough Councillors
- The Local MP

This consultation will close on Friday 19th December. The results of this consultation will be reported to Surrey County Council's Local Committee for Guildford in March 2009. It is this Committee that will decide which option will go ahead.

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