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Question: What immediate solution is being implemented to make sure another child is not critically injured, like the girl who was hit by a car in October crossing the bottom half of Lammas Lane?

Surrey County Council works in partnership with Surrey Police to monitor road traffic casualties across the county on a continuous basis. If Surrey Police makes the County Council aware of any defect on the public highway which they believe has contributed to an incident, the County Council would make arrangements to rectify the defect. In addition, where the county council identifies clusters or patterns of casualties that it feels could be mitigated by an engineering intervention, the county council will prioritise and deliver focussed investment.

For example, it was Surrey County Council's work with Surrey Police that resulted in the recent speed limit change in Lammas Lane. The Police requested this change to encourage improved compliance with the speed limit in Lammas Lane, which has been a Police speed enforcement site for some years. Another example nearby is the junction of Lammas Lane and Esher Green where the County Council is planning to introduce new road tables at the pedestrian crossings on the approaches to this junction, to encourage drivers to slow down on their approach. The County Council will continue to monitor both these sites and review whether the changes have been effective in reducing vehicle speeds and reducing the frequency of casualties respectively.

There are no plans for any further works on the bottom half of Lammas Lane at the present time but the County Council is aware of concerns among the local community about the pedestrian crossing facilities, and approach speeds to the roundabout, and will continue to review the situation with the local County Councillor.

Question: When will St Georges Avenue be repaired?

It is proposed that the station end of St George's Avenue will be re-surfaced as part of the Brooklands Business Park Accessibility major project, for which the County Council was awarded LEP funding in 2018. Full details of this scheme are available on Surrey County Council's website:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/major-transport-projects/elmbridge-major-transport-schemes>.

In the meantime the road will be maintained in a safe condition. If residents have any specific concerns, potholes may be reported for repair on the [Surrey County Council website](#) or by telephoning the contact centre 0300 200 1003.

Question: Threat to Thames Ditton Library.

Libraries are the responsibility of the County Council who recently ran a public consultation on the future role of libraries and cultural services, asking residents for views on the following five principles:

1. Libraries and cultural services provide and enable opportunities for everyone to learn, access information, acquire new skills, improve literacy and be involved in their communities.
2. There is a focus on the wellbeing and strengthening of communities, particularly the most vulnerable, to enable them to be resilient.
3. Libraries and cultural services are most effective and efficient when they work in partnership with the public, voluntary, community and private sectors, including through the creation of shared spaces.
4. New technologies, including digital, enable libraries and cultural services to reach new audiences, and existing audiences in new ways, and offer 24/7 access.
5. Volunteers are crucial community advocates and assets in libraries and cultural services, who also gain valuable skills and relationships through the work they do.

Over 7,000 people responded and the County Council's Cabinet will review the outcomes of the consultation at its next meeting on 29 January 2019. There are no current proposals to close any of the libraries and any changes to the library service would be subject to a further consultation before decisions are made.

Question: Does Elmbridge Council have plans to relieve the volume/size of vehicles using the A244?

Highways is the responsibility of Surrey County Council, although the County Council has no powers to control the volume of traffic or size of vehicles using the A244 which as an 'A road' is considered suitable for all types of vehicle.

On occasions the County Council may use powers to introduce restrictions – for example weight or width restrictions – but would not consider such restrictions on the A244 as there are no suitable alternative routes.

Question: Can pedestrian supported lights be incorporated into lights at Claremont Lane/High Street. Ban right turnout of Claremont and use the one way.

Surrey County Council is currently reviewing a number of the traffic signal junctions in Esher as part of its Esher Transport Study project. The primary aim of the project is to relieve congestion in Esher and on its approaches. The County Council is also considering whether to provide additional push-button controlled pedestrian crossing facilities where these are not currently provided.

The county council will undertake a feasibility study to understand what is possible (without an unacceptable impact on traffic) and whether it is justified in terms of the numbers of pedestrians who would use new facilities.

The County Council will also be reviewing the movements at a number of junctions within the study area, to assess whether restricting lightly used movements might assist in moving traffic more efficiently through the network as a whole. This assessment will also need to consider whether suitable alternative routes exist for the minority of drivers who would be affected.

Once the feasibility work is complete, the County Council will confirm any improvements to be made and consider the most appropriate funding streams, including potential to bid for Community Infrastructure Levy funding from Elmbridge Borough Council.

Question: When will the pavement and the street be upgraded to a regular and better situation?

Highways, including maintenance of pavements, is a County Council responsibility. Concerns about the condition of specific roads and pavements can be reported via the Surrey County Council's [website](#) for investigation or to the contact centre on 0300 200 1003.

Question: Is the County Council aware of enforcement issues regarding the new traffic island in Hersham and what can be done to resolve this?

The County Council is aware of this issue and officers have been working with local Members to try to resolve it.

It may be due to misunderstanding so the County Council has installed information signs to explain to drivers that only buses and HGVs are allowed through the restriction.

If the situation does not improve, enforcement will be considered now that the County Council has adopted powers to undertake bus lane enforcement where necessary. This would be

subject to a decision by the Elmbridge Local Committee. The police could also carry out enforcement although this would of course be subject to prioritisation against their resources.