

**Addendum to Beddington & Wallington Local Committee:  
Public Questions  
30 October 2018**

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*This addendum contains questions from Members of the Public received and answered since the last committee meeting on 17 July 2018*

**1. Question asked by Tracey Allam, local resident**

I live in Crispin crescent which is just off of Beddington Lane.

The road changes appear to be finished now. Two traffic lights have been removed and replaced with zebra/pelican crossings. These have been in operation for two weeks and there have been two accidents already. The road was closed to traffic and buses on 1.10.2018 and tonight there was a three car pile up at the crossing, a lady leaving the village hall was nearly struck on the crossing. A car had stopped to allow her to cross when two cars went into the back and pushed the first car onto the crossing.

The cars, vans, lorries and buses are going just as fast and ignoring the reduced speed limit which is written on the road. No traffic calming or speed reducing measures have been put in place, apart from signs. There is also a traffic light sign that has been left up, although there are no traffic lights.

The traffic lights were installed over twenty years ago due to a child being killed on Beddington Lane. I have tried to Google when the decision was made and who by to remove the traffic lights to no avail. As the winter comes and the mornings and nights are dark I am very worried someone else will be seriously injured or killed.

Why were the traffic lights removed?

**Reply by, Kevin Williams, Senior Professional Engineer, Highways and Transport:**

Thank you for your query. Firstly I would like to assure that there is no evidence to suggest that zebra crossings are either better or worse in terms of pedestrian safety than pelican crossings. In fact, converting the existing pelican crossings to a zebra crossings has allowed us to install an additional formal safe crossing point, creating more opportunities for pedestrians to cross Beddington Lane.

The installation of new crossings is only one element of a number of improvements being introduced along Hilliers Lane and Beddington Lane, through the village area, all of which have been designed to complement each other and create an area of highway that is appropriate for this predominantly residential environment. The road layout through the village has been revised, with road narrowings to encourage vehicles to drive at a more appropriate speed along Hilliers Lane and Beddington Lane. In combination with these

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speed reducing measures, a lorry ban will be introduced between Hilliers Lane at its junction with Croydon Road, and Beddington Lane at its junction with Commerce Way. This will mean no vehicles of 7.5 tonnes or above, unless servicing the village, will be allowed to enter this area 24 hours a day/seven days a week, and this will be enforced by new CCTV camera technology. Once these improvements are in place, Hilliers Lane and Beddington Lane are expected to see an improvement in terms of lower vehicle speeds and a substantially lower number of heavy goods vehicles using this section of road, giving the village a much improved feel and appearance. The speed limit has already been reduced in keeping with a village environment and we are seeking additional speed enforcement from the Metropolitan Police as an interim measure while the new improvement scheme is being constructed.

I would like to reassure you that the effectiveness of all measures will be monitored and if both roads have not seen the desired improvements, additional engineering initiatives will certainly be considered.