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A3 Beechcroft Drive

We have now completed our search for the information you requested on 17 October 2018 in relation to A3 Beechcroft Drive. I have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please see below your questions and our answers:

An electronic copy of the HE presentation to Beechwood Drive residents on 11 October 2018

Please find attached:

- the electronic copy of the presentation to Beechwood Drive residents on 11/10/2018.
- copy of the speaker notes.

A copy of the analysis on Beechcroft Drive at its junction with the A3 and the gap in the A3 near to the Beechcroft Drive junction in electronic format

Please find attached a copy of:

- A3 Beechcroft Drive Gap Study – Feasibility Study Report plus Appendix D
- A3 Beechwood Drive, Guildford Gap Study – Collision Analysis

Accident statistics for the past 20 years (or if data does not go back that far then the historic data as far as it is available) for accidents that occurred either on the A3 or on a road immediately adjacent to the A3 for the location 700m either side of the A3 junction with Beechcroft Drive. We would like to receive this information as a table broken down by year. Additionally we would like the information in the format of a map showing the location and date of each accident

Please find attached a copy of the injury accidents as requested. This contains all injury accidents for the last 20 years for the requested section of the A3, the section of the A31 which falls under the responsibility of Highways England (HE) and recorded stats19 accidents on roads under local authority responsibility.

I have summarised the Statutory Route Network (SRN) and local authority data separately. For the SRN section of the A31 no accidents are shown before 2011. It's possible that this section of road may have been under local authority before that point.

It is not feasible to provide 20 years of accident data in the form of a map showing the date and location of each accident, given that this covers a relatively small area, at a length of 1400m. This would have to be an extremely large image file to be readable and isn't practical. However, a similar and a more interactive application can be found on <http://www.crashmap.co.uk/>

Please note that all data only goes up to 2016 and only covers accidents where an injury has occurred, as stats19 is compiled by the police and therefore requires emergency service presence for them to be aware of it. All non-injury accidents on A roads would be dealt with by motorists and their insurers. We don't have any data relating to this. We are still waiting for the validated 2017 stats 19 data which will not be available until December 2018. A version is available to the public at <https://data.gov.uk/dataset/cb7ae6f0-4be6-4935-9277-47e5ce24a11f/road-safety-data>

A list of the interventions that HE have made in favour of improving the safety of the junction between the A3 and Beechcroft Drive. This must include the date that the intervention was made. They need this for the past 20 years (or as far as records go). For example on XYZ date Highways laid a red patch of road to warn drivers of the Beechcroft Drive Hazard. On ABC date the foliage was cut back to enable drivers a better view of the junction etc.....

Remedial measures to the approach to the junction at Beechcroft Drive were implemented in March 2009 as a result of the A3 Guildford to Ripley Accident Investigation Study carried out by Mott MacDonald in 2007/08. These works consisted of the replacement and upgrade of the warning signs, to include Variable Message Signs on the approach to the junction, application of red high friction surfacing on the northbound approach, SLOW road markings and general vegetation clearance to highlight the junction. A low noise surface was also laid in May 2014.

Any analysis that HE has made in the past 10 years of the Beechcroft Drive junction with A3. In particular information about what standard the junction was assessed against and whether the junction achieved that standard

The A3 Guildford Bypass, including the access to Beechcroft Drive was opened to traffic in 1934. At that time there were no National Standards for the geometric design of highways. National highway design standards started to come into force in the 1950s and have developed into a range of standards brought together nationally in the set of documents that make up the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). The latest

versions of these standards are required to be used for all new or improved roads constructed by Highways England, however they are not mandatory for local highway authorities.

The current design standards for a new or improved access off a trunk road are set out in the DMRB standard TD 41/95. Details can be found here <http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/ha/standards/dmr/vol6/section2/td4195.pdf>. For example, in standard conditions a new junction would require corner radii of 6m and a sightline envelope for a length of 160m on the main route from a point 2m from the stop or give way line into the access. No acceleration or deceleration would be required.

Where new accesses are to be constructed or existing accesses improved, Highways England would require the appropriate standards for that level of development to be used, however there is no obligation on Highways England to improve existing highways in response to new or amended highway standards coming into force.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number CRS 766738 in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review within 2 months of the date of this response for Freedom of Information requests and within 40 days for Environmental Information Regulations requests. Our internal review process is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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