

TRAFFIC QUESTIONNAIRE for SGCA residents

....HAVE YOUR SAY.... (OVERLEAF)

As most of you will know only too well, the recent closure of Girdwood Rd, while utility (gas) works took place at the top end, resulted in appalling congestion at times. This was concentrated at the Girdwood/Granville Rd/Sutherland Grove roundabout, resulting in more than a touch of road-rage on a number of occasions. SGCARA understands that there have been at least three accidents at that roundabout recently, one of them serious. The road-closure made clear to us residents of other SGCA streets, eg Skeena Hill, just what residents of Girdwood Rd, many of Sutherland Grove), & nearby Granville Rd, have to endure the rest of the time.

Enough is Enough. If you would like to 'have your say' please write your concerns - & possible solutions from your point of view - on the form overleaf.

Enough IS enough. We *have* to achieve a workable, enforceable solution to the ongoing problem of SGCA streets being used as a through-way at all hours, made worse by excessive-speeding.

SGCARA recently became aware of a petition (hosted by Wandsworth Council, but initiated by a residents' group). that ran from 12.10.22 – 20.12.22. The wording expresses clearly many of the concerns experienced within SGCA, but poor publicity meant that it sadly - & inexplicably - only attracted 118 signatures. Although the petition is closed, here is the link so SGCA residents can see the measures this petition requested.

<https://democracy.wandsworth.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=199&RPID=15992048&HPID=15992048>

(As always, it is easier to access the link through the SGCARA website, or when the newsletter is sent out to the SGCARA mailing list.)

In Nov 2022, a council official wrote the following:

'...we are due to carry out a comprehensive survey in the local area to help us understand traffic movements which will in turn help develop ideas / restrictions for future consultation....'

In Feb 2023, this was the state of 'progress' from the same council official:

'...Regrettably, the comprehensive survey is yet to be undertaken...'

This is likely still the case. SGCA's serious traffic problems have to become a higher priority for the council. The 'No Left Turn' 7-10am (weekdays), ANPR-enforced scheme has reduced commuter traffic using Girdwood Rd & Skeena Hill – but only between those times. As many of you know only too well, much of the displaced traffic travels along West Hill towards Wandsworth, turns right down Sutherland Grove & on to Granville Rd – at any time of the day. (We understand that any restriction of this right-turn would be the responsibility of TFL, not Wandsworth Council.) The reverse happens for traffic wanting to access the A3 to leave London at ANY time. Granville Rd, with St Michaels School at its heart, is the 'pinch point' of all this 'rat run' traffic. This has to be made safer for school-children & residents, including for cyclists & pedestrians.



photos left:
typical heavy traffic
congestion at Sutherland
Grove (en route to West
Hill), Granville Rd
roundabout, & Granville Rd
itself.

The road humps are completely ineffective at restricting speeds of vehicles, both domestic & commercial, to under 20mph. Frustratingly, in February 2023 the Department of Transport halted Wandsworth council's trial into issuing Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) for speeding, (on two sites - our nearest being Wimbledon Pk Rd.) Solving speeding & 'rat-running' go hand in hand.

PLEASE 'Have your Say' overleaf. There may be SGCA residents who experience these traffic issues on a daily basis & who have creative suggestions that may just be able to contribute to the solutions.

Please complete this form & return in an envelope marked 'SGCARA' to one of the following addresses:
1 Combemartin Rd SW18 5PP, 14 Girdwood Rd SW18 5QS, M3, Gilbert Scott Building SW15 3SG
Please continue on a further sheet if you need more space. There will be a chance to complete & return the form electronically if preferred when 'Reaching out to residents' is emailed to the circulation list.

1a) Do you think that the ANPR-enforced 7-10am 'No Left Turns' from Parkside have solved the morning 'rat-run' problem? If not, how could it be improved? eg by restricting other 'Left Turns' off Parkside?

1b) Should a similar ANPR-enforced scheme be created to reduce the high volume of A3 traffic that currently accesses Skeena Hill & Girdwood Rd, channelling into Granville Rd, via Sutherland Grove?

1c) Do you have personal experience of the traffic-problems in SGCA at various times of day? If so, please describe them.... & any other workable solutions, other than in 1a) & 1b) you might feel solve the problem.

2) Would you support a more radical solution such as the South Fulham Clean Air Neighbourhood Project? <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/clean-air-neighbourhoods/south-fulham-clean-air-neighbourhood-project> (ANPR cameras restrict vehicles registered outside the borough. Genuine traders & contractors can gain access & visitors can be registered by residents)

3) The Girdwood/Granville/Sutherland roundabout feels very dangerous at times. There was a fatality not so many years ago & we fear it may be only a matter of time before someone is killed there again. Please share any ideas YOU may have to make it safer.

4) Granville Rd is outside SGCA, but used by us all, eg those with children attending St Michaels School. What might deter 'rat run' traffic in Granville Rd, & increase safety for cyclists & pedestrians? ANPR? chicanes? width-restrictive bollards? raised pavements? Have you a new different idea?

5) As the Department for Transport has currently quashed the council's speed-camera trial, there is no additional effective deterrent to excessive speeding in sight. (Speed gun operators do not have Enforcement powers). Do you have ideas as to how vehicle-speeds might be reduced in our area?

6) **Would you &/or members of your household like your name(s) to be added to a list of residents concerned about these traffic-issues, (maybe willing to engage with discussions of possible solutions?) planning to add your name to a new petition? (to be drafted following this questionnaire & other input)**
YES / NO (PLEASE CIRCLE)

Your Details PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Name

Address.....

Contact-details:

email **Phone**