

Statement of Reasons

A31 Alton Road, Prohibition of Right Turns and U-Turns

Prohibited Right Turn Movements

It is proposed to prohibit south-eastbound traffic on X31 Access to Properties, Alton Road, Farnham and D5328 Chamber Lane, Farnham from making a right turn through the gaps in the central reservation into the A31 Alton Road south-westbound carriageway.

1. At present, there is no movement restriction for vehicles exiting X31 Access to Properties, Alton Road, Farnham and D5328 Chamber Lane, Farnham at their junctions with A31 Alton Road. There is concern that south-eastbound vehicles crossing the A31 Alton Road north-eastbound carriageway are at risk of conflict with A31 Alton Road south-westbound vehicles entering the dedicated right turn lanes.
2. The proposed prohibited right turn movements will require south-eastbound vehicles exiting X31 Access to Properties, Alton Road, Farnham and D5328 Chamber Lane, Farnham to turn left into the A31 Alton Road north-eastbound carriageway and then proceed south-westbound on A31 Alton Road via Coxbridge Roundabout (at the junction of A31 Alton Road / A325 Wrecclesham Road / A31 Farnham by-pass / B3228 West Street). This will eliminate the risk associated with vehicles crossing the A31 north-eastbound carriageway via a narrow central reservation gap.

Prohibited U-Turn Movements

It is also proposed to prohibit traffic on the A31 Alton Road north-eastbound carriageway from making a U-turn at the junctions with X31 Access to Properties, Alton Road, Farnham and D5328 Chamber Lane, Farnham.

1. At present, there is no movement restriction for A31 Alton Road north-eastbound vehicles as they approach the junctions with X31 Access to Properties, Alton Road, Farnham and D5328 Chamber Lane, Farnham. There is concern that north-eastbound vehicles making U turns to join the A31 Alton Road south-westbound carriageway are at risk of conflict.
2. The proposed prohibition will reduce the risk of vehicle collisions and allow enforcement by Police. The proposals replicate existing U-turn prohibitions further to the north-east on the A31 Alton Road at the private access to an aggregates site and at C123 Runwick Lane. This provides a consistent approach to all central reservation gaps on the A31 Alton Road, where U-turn manoeuvres will be prohibited. A31 Alton Road north-eastbound vehicles wishing to join the A31 Alton Road south-westbound carriageway will be required to do so via Coxbridge Roundabout (at the junction of A31 Alton Road / A325 Wrecclesham Road / A31 Farnham by-pass / B3228 West Street).

Surrey County Council engineers have raised general safety concerns with A31 Alton Road. There have been number of 'loss of control' and 'turning' collisions involving south-westbound vehicles, resulting in both damage-only and personal injury. A reduction from two running lanes to one lane together with the provision of dedicated right turn lanes will be implemented in conjunction with the proposed prohibited movements. This will provide improved and separated right turn entry into X31 Access to Properties, Alton Road, Farnham and D5328 Chamber Lane, Farnham for south-westbound A31 Alton Road traffic. It will also match the lane reduction scheme already installed on the A31 Alton Road north-eastbound carriageway over a similar length, between the county boundary and Coxbridge Roundabout.