

## **Highways Report Betchworth Parish Council January 2024**

### **---Net Zero Accident strategy from SCC**

PC have received the draft & the proposed response is attached to the meeting record available online with the SCC Draft.

### **---Hedge Trimming Adjacent to highways**

There has been trimming along Kiln Lane & Old Reigate Road. Latter adjacent to Clarion housing which was referred to District Councillor Paul Potter to pursue with Clarion.

On going highway issues are updated in Clerk's report. We are receiving better progress feedback following formal complaint to County Councillor Helyn Clack who has robustly actioned within Highways department.

### **---Bus Stop Location Consideration at Station**

A meeting at the end of 2023 on site with full representation from Residents group, bus company & highway representatives did not reach a conclusion as to safe location.

Cllr Randall has identified Network Rail land (photo below) as possibly suitable subject to adjustment of boundary to the road & some reduction in the bank. This is located north of the crossing to avoid potential build up of traffic on the crossing. This has been discussed with the Line Officer for North Downs Communities Rail Partnership who will seek to ascertain if Network Rail will consider this in principle. The cost involved will need to be reviewed among the various parties to the scheme if NR are willing to entertain proposal.



### **-----Betchworth Station Car Park**

NCP appear ready to open the car park & a recent board on site indicated the charges which are considered reasonable & should encourage use for both commuting & use of the countryside. Contact is being made with NCP on opening date.

A more frequent train service is required to support better use of the station & some adjustment of the fare strategy. Rail Partnership are being approached to consider with GWR.