



**PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF
LOCAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)
26 SEPTEMBER 2005**

SUMMARY:

To receive a report setting out details of one proposal for expenditure of the local capital budget.

1. The proposal is to spend £6,000 of the local capital budget on the introduction of two interactive safety signs for the C152 Burwood Road

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

	Revenue	Capital
Local Budget 2005/06	£103,500.00	£35,000.00
Unallocated amount carried over from 2004/05	£17,180.27	£17,500.00
Expenditure committed to date	£5,726.98	£17,500.00
Current proposals	£0.00	£6,000.00
Remaining Balance	£114,953.29	£29,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Local Committee agrees to this request.

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Local Capital Budget

A. Interactive Road Safety Signs, Burwood Road, Hersham

KEY ISSUE AND SUMMARY

To seek approval and funding from the Local Committee's capital budget for two interactive road safety signs on Burwood Road, Hersham.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER: Hersham, Mrs Margaret Hicks.

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- i) Approves the introduction of two interactive safety signs for the C152 Burwood Road and that budgetary provision of £6,000 is made available from the Local Committee's capital budget.

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1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Considerable local concern has been expressed about vehicle speeds on Burwood Road. From Hersham, the speed limit is 30mph until near to its junction with Turners Lane. From there on it is 40mph. A request has been made, through the County Councillor, for additional measures to be introduced to remind drivers of the speed limit.
- 1.2 Burwood Road is a straight road with good visibility. To many drivers this type of road lends itself to faster speeds. The road has been assessed against the adopted speed management and speed limit policies. This has indicated the current speed limits are appropriate and should not be amended.
- 1.3 As Members of the Committee will be aware, there is £35,000 of capital funding available for them to spend on community type projects throughout Elmbridge.

2 REPORT

- 2.1 Following a request from the Divisional Member, Officers have investigated options for reducing vehicle speeds on Burwood Road.

- 2.2 Survey data has revealed that there is non-compliance in both the 30 and 40mph restricted areas. Surrey Police already undertake enforcement within the 30mph section, and recently held a joint road safety advice day with County Council Road Safety Officers. Enforcement is prioritised on accident history – fortunately Burwood Road has a comparatively good safety record.
- 2.3 Interactive signs have recently been introduced at a number of sites throughout Elmbridge. Whilst it is too early to draw any valid conclusions as to their effectiveness in reducing accident trends, they have been well received by both drivers and residents.
- 2.4 It is recommended that two permanent interactive signs be installed on Burwood Road (one for each direction of traffic flow), within the 40mph section. These will display the speed limit roundel and state 'SLOW DOWN'. The signs have motion sensors and will only be activated if a vehicle travels in excess of the speed limit. These signs have the ability to record all vehicle speeds and volumes. The estimated inclusive cost of two signs is £6,000.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Surrey Police have been consulted and fully support the proposal.
- 3.2 The Divisional Member, Committee Chairman and Elmbridge Ward Members all support the introduction of these signs.
- 3.3 The Area Director has been consulted and has confirmed that this is an appropriate scheme for the Members to spend their capital budget on.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposed signs are legal for use on the public highway. County policy for the use of such signs is being developed but the introduction of signs on Burwood Road would comply with good practice.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The capital funding is required for this year only. Ongoing maintenance of the signs and electrical supply would be covered through our revenue budgets, as with the other interactive highway signs within the Borough.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 This report is necessary to obtain Committee approval for the use of capital funds from the delegated budget.