



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)**

### **SAFE CROSSING PETITION – MANOR ROAD NORTH, HINCHLEY WOOD**

**16 JUNE 2008**

#### **KEY ISSUE**

To update members on the investigations carried out, the results obtained, and the conclusions and recommendations made following the presentation of the petition to the January meeting of this committee.

#### **SUMMARY**

This report updates members following the petition at the January Committee, and verbal presentation by Mrs Emma Baldwin, subsequent to road traffic accident involving her young child. A verbal response to the petitioner was presented in January by the Local Highways Manager, who agreed to liaise with the Community Travel Advisor and report back to the Local Committee when further discussions had been carried out with Hinchley Wood Secondary School. This report presents the results of those discussions.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to agree:**

- (i) To note the report for information.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Members are reminded that a petition was submitted to the January 2008 meeting of the Local Committee concerning road safety issues along Manor Road North in Hinchley Wood. Mrs Emma Baldwin, a parent with a child at Hinchley Wood Secondary School, addressed the meeting to highlight particular concerns of parents of children attending the Hinchley Wood Schools in Claygate Lane. Specific concern was raised around pupils crossing Manor Road North, near to the junction with Claygate Lane, with a request to establish improved crossing facilities along this stretch of road.
- 1.2 Manor Road North is a residential road which carries traffic to and from the A309. The road is subject to a 30mph speed limit and is well lit by a continuous system of street lighting. Footways are provided on both sides of the road. Claygate Lane also benefits from Traffic calming road tables introduced in the early 1990's together with an advisory 20mph speed limit.
- 1.3 Road safety measures are currently in place in Manor Road North, and formed part of a package of measures introduced a few years ago, from the safe routes to school budget. Two pedestrian refuge islands were introduced, on either side of the Claygate Lane junction, together with a pedestrian refuge island in the belmouth of Claygate Lane itself, with a long section of guard railing to channel pedestrians to the desired crossing point. School warning signs, school warning flashing lights, and red carriageway marking were also applied to the Highway, in a genuine attempt to raise driver awareness.
- 1.4 It should be noted that both Hinchley Wood Primary School and Hinchley Wood Secondary School have approved school travel plans. Both schools encourage sustainable travel to school.

## **2 ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 Although road safety measures exist in Manor Road North, work is needed to ensure that pupils are properly educated in road safety.

## **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team have produced road safety and sustainable travel resources for primary and secondary schools for the academic year 2007/08. All schools in Surrey were sent details of these resources in May 2007. One such resource is a comprehensive road safety and sustainability programme for Year 7 pupils, designed by the Safer Travel Team and FourS, which also fulfils key learning objectives for curriculum subjects. Free resources which support this programme are available for schools, and these include PowerPoint presentations and video links. In addition, schools can request a Theatre in Education road safety production for Year 7 pupils.

- 3.2 The Safer Travel Team have also produced books aimed at pupils in Years 6 and 7 which encourage and promote cycling.

#### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 In January, the Community Travel Advisor for Elmbridge contacted Hinchley Wood Secondary School to discuss road safety education. The school confirmed that, following contact by the petitioner, the school had carried out a number of road safety initiatives, namely:

- a series of assemblies with a road safety theme had been held;
- pupils were regularly spoken to about road safety;
- staff had been allocated to be on duty on roads around the school;
- road safety education had been incorporated into PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons for Year 7 pupils;
- the school had hosted the Theatre in Education road safety production for Year 7 pupils.

- 4.2 The Community Travel Advisor informed the school of the availability of the road safety programme aimed at Year 7 pupils and the associated free resources, as well as the cycling books aimed at Year 6 and Year 7 pupils. The school was reminded that details of the road safety and sustainable travel resource programme for the academic year 2008/09 will be sent to all schools in the 2008 Summer term.

- 4.3 The Headteacher of Hinchley Wood Secondary School thanked the Community Travel Advisor for this information and agreed to discuss the resources with the school's Personal, Social and Health Education team.

#### **5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

#### **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 None

#### **7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None

#### **8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 Hinchley Wood Secondary School has put in place a series of measures to promote road safety education. The Community Travel Advisor has made the school aware of road safety resources available to secondary schools via the Safer Travel Team. However, it is the school's decision whether they wish to use these resources or not.

## **9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 The implementation by the school of all the available road safety resources should be of benefit to all road users in the area.

## **10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 10.1 Surrey County Council will continue to monitor the junction and liaise with the schools.

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