



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE
IN EPSOM & EWELL**

**WATERSEGE ESTATE – TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO
SUPPORT THE SELF RELIANCE
PROJECT**

24th January 2005

KEY ISSUE

To consider proposals to introduce a number of raised tables on the Watersedge Estate to help reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety.

SUMMARY

Surrey County Council has received a request from Rosebery Housing Association (on behalf of local residents), supported by the local County Councillor, for the introduction of raised tables at a number of locations on the Watersedge Estate.

The Local Committee has received a one off additional allowance for 2004/05 for member funded capital works, and has agreed to contribute a proportion of this towards partially funding the introduction of the requested measures.

This report recommends that finances allocated for Community Planning within the 2004/05 Local Transport Plan capital budget are used in conjunction with the Local Committee funding to support the progression of the proposals.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree that:

- i. Detailed design of each of the improvement measures requested on behalf of residents by Rosebery Housing Association (as detailed below) is undertaken.
- ii. Following completion of the detailed design, a Members' Working Group (consisting of the Chairman of the Local Committee, the local County and Borough Members, and a representative from Rosebery Housing Association) is set up to determine the priority for the introduction of the individual measures in consideration of the available finances.
- iii. Authorisation be given to advertise the required statutory notice detailing the measures agreed for introduction.
- iv. The Local Transportation Director be authorised to consider any objections received in response to the statutory notice in consultation with the Members Working Group.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Rosebery Housing Association has written to Surrey County Council, on behalf of residents of the Watersedge Estate, requesting that consideration be given to introducing raised tables at the following locations (also shown on the plan included as ANNEXE 1 to this report):
 - The junction of Cox Lane and Rowden Road.
 - The junction of Rowden Road and Bourne Way.
 - The junction of Rowden Way and Watersedge Road.
 - In Colne Court adjacent to the playground.
 - On Watersedge Road between its junctions with Hogsmill Way and Wey Court.
- 1.2 The local County Councillor has also indicated her support for the proposals.
- 1.3 The measures have been requested by local residents because of concerns about speeding vehicles and dangerous driving, and the safety of pedestrians (especially children, who often play in the street).

- 1.4 Attempts have previously been made to address the problems through community-led initiatives. These have involved local publicity campaigns and educational programmes with both adults and children.
- 1.5 The Local Committee has received a one off allowance for 2004/05 that is available for capital works. It has agreed to contribute £10,000 of this allowance towards partially funding the introduction of the requested measures.
- 1.6 The 2004/05 Local Transport Plan includes provision under the Community Planning theme for funding infrastructure improvements in support of Community Strategy and Self Reliance projects.
- 1.7 The Self Reliance policy, adopted by Surrey County Council in November 2000, works to bring all partners (such as Primary Care Trusts, the Police, Voluntary Organisations and Local Authorities) together to focus their mainstream funding on those communities facing the most disadvantage.
- 1.8 Since the Watersedge Estate is designated a Self Reliance area, it is proposed that this funding is used in conjunction with the contribution from the Local Committee's allowance to support the progression of the proposed tables.
- 1.9 It is unlikely that the total funding available will be sufficient to design and construct all the measures requested. However, it is difficult to determine the cost of installing each of the measures without having undertaken the detailed design. It is therefore recommended that the detailed design of all measures is initially undertaken to establish the costs.
- 1.10 It is proposed that a Members' Working Group (consisting of the Chairman of the Local Committee, the local County and Borough Members, and a representative from Rosebery Housing Association) is then set up to review the detailed design and agree which measures should be constructed if there is insufficient funding to introduce them all.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The introduction of raised tables will require a statutory consultation to be undertaken (including advertising public notices and informing statutory consultees about the proposals).
- 2.2 The format of any additional consultation will be determined by the Members' Working Group.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 A total of £20,000 is available to carry out the detailed design and construction of the proposed measures (£10,000 from the 2004/05 Local Transport Plan capital allocation and £10,000 from the one off Local Committee allowance).

4. CONCLUSION AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Surrey County Council has received a request from Rosebery Housing Association, on behalf of the residents of the Watersedge Estate, for the introduction of raised tables at a number of locations. The proposals are supported by the local County Councillor.
- 4.2 The Local Committee has agreed to make a contribution towards introducing the requested measures.
- 4.3 It is therefore proposed that funding available through the Local Transport Plan capital budget is used in conjunction with the Local Committee funding to support progression of the measures proposed by the residents.
- 4.4 The total funding available may not be sufficient to allow all the measures to be designed and constructed. This report therefore recommends that the detailed design of the requested measures is carried out and the construction costs determined, so that a Members Working Group (consisting of the Chairman of the Local Committee, the local County and Borough Members, and a representative from Rosebery Housing Association) can review these and decide which measures should be introduced (subject to public consultation).

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: