



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

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS
PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT –
SALISBURY ROAD**

18th JULY 2005

KEY ISSUE:

The design and construction of a pedestrian improvement scheme on Salisbury Road outside Cuddington Community Primary School, in support of Epsom and Ewell SRTS Strategy

SUMMARY:

This report seeks approval for the design and construction of a pedestrian improvement scheme comprising of a built out pedestrian table on Salisbury Road. This scheme will both restrict parents from parking over the new crossing point and provide pedestrians with a safer route, allowing them to both see, and be seen by, approaching vehicles.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree that:

- i. approval is given for the detailed design and construction of a pedestrian scheme on Salisbury Road outside Cuddington Community Primary School as shown in Annexe 1.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Salisbury Road is a heavily used road, particularly at peak travel times. With a hill on the approach to Cuddington Community Primary School, vehicles are often perceived as travelling too fast for the environment with poor sight lines and many children and parents attempting to cross this road at school start and finish times. Not only are children crossing the Road to access Cuddington Community School, but also to use the nearby alleyway for access to The Mead and Auriol schools.
- 1.2 In July 2004, both Cuddington Community and The Mead schools were surveyed for 'danger points on the journey to school'. For both of these schools, Salisbury Road was highlighted as a difficult road to cross due to dangerous and illegal parking, and heavy speeding traffic. Parents and pupil escorts have also noted these issues either directly to the school or to LTS officers.
- 1.3 Increased concern has been raised over speeding and a lack of safe crossings on Cuddington Avenue. However with redevelopment of The Mead school site and the relocation of the school entrance, creating a safer pedestrian and cycle environment is currently on hold until after these works are completed.
- 1.4 Cuddington Community Primary School developed a school travel plan in 2005 and The Mead School aims to develop a travel plan in 2006, while Auriol school aims to update their currently redundant travel plan at the same time.

2. CONSULTATIONS

- 2.1 In conjunction with parental surveys, the head teacher of Cuddington Community Primary School and the school's school council have been consulted. All parties felt that there was a lack of safe crossing over Salisbury Road to the south west of the school.

3. PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- 3.1 It is proposed that a pedestrian table with slight build-outs, reducing the carriageway to 6 meters, be designed and constructed on Salisbury Road nearby the alleyway running between Salisbury Road and Cudas Close.

4. POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

- 4.1 One potential problem is that with vertical deflection some motorists may perceive this is a 'traffic calming' scheme. However with high

pedestrian numbers and the inclusion of pedestrian build-outs, the majority of drivers should correctly understand this to be a pedestrian improvement scheme

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Design and construction costs will be met by the SRtS devolved capital allocation for 2005/2006.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This scheme will promote the use of sustainable travel, through increased access and safety for pedestrians.

7. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Cuddington Community School has already completed a travel plan and Auriol and the Mead schools intend to follow suit. Cuddington and The Mead have taken part in SCC travel surveys and Auriol is being surveyed at the time of writing. All three schools are also committed to the 'Golden Boot Challenge'. With a combined roll of almost 1000 pupils, pedestrian improvements in the area will effect a significant reduction in accident risk. It is therefore recommended that Members approve the design and construction of this scheme.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: November 2003 Local Committee Report

ANNEXE 1

Salisbury Road Pedestrian Improvement Scheme

