



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S  
LOCAL COMMITTEE IN  
EPSOM & EWELL  
BUS STOP LOCATION POLICY**

**23 January 2006**

**KEY ISSUE:**

To clarify the current policy regarding the involvement of local Borough and County Councillors regarding either new or amended bus stop positions.

**SUMMARY:**

It is adopted County Policy that both local Borough and County Councillors are advised, but not consulted, on any proposal to introduce a new bus stop or to amend the position of an existing bus stop. Where there is a choice of sites available, local consultation will take place.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That this report be noted.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 24 November 2005, a site meeting was held with local Borough Councillors and the local County Councillor to discuss the resiting and/or provision of an additional bus stop as a result of the High Street/Spring Street Ewell Highway Improvement scheme.
- 1.2 Unfortunately the meeting was called with inadequate notice in certain instances and without informing Councillors of the background and the exact purpose of the meeting. As a consequence there appeared to be considerable misunderstanding as to the purpose of the site meeting and the exact role and responsibility of Councillors.
- 1.3 It has therefore been agreed with the Chairman that a report be prepared for this meeting of the Local Committee to clarify the situation.

## 2. DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The extract from the Manual of Policies and Standards (MAPS), which relates to “Introducing Attractive Transport Facilities”, is attached at **Annexe 1**.
- 2.2 It must be noted that the Local Committee does not have any delegated authority with regard to bus stops.
- 2.3 When considering either new or amendments to existing bus stops, it is usual practice to arrange a site meeting with representatives from Surrey Police, Passenger Transport Group, the Local Transportation Service and, where necessary, the bus operating company to consider options that might be available.
- 2.4 Following a recommendation at the Transportation Select Committee held on 28 July 2005, local Members are then advised (but not consulted) of proposed locations and invited to attend meetings on site. This invitation to local County and Borough Members is intended to advise Members of the proposal to assist them in answering any questions that might be raised by residents.
- 2.5 In view of the difficult nature of finding the ideal location for a bus stop and bearing in mind that the decision on siting is made on public need and road safety grounds, it is not considered that individual consultation with local residents is appropriate. Any adjacent residents are therefore then advised (but not consulted) on the agreed proposal.
- 2.6 If more than one possible location is under consideration, then local consultation with both Members and Residents will take place.

- 2.7 With regard to the bus stops in High Street Ewell, which were the subject of the initial meeting with Councillors on 24 November 2005, it has been agreed that they remain unaltered until completion of the Highway Improvement scheme. Their position will then be reviewed, when the anticipated conflicts will be more obvious.

### **3. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The adopted County Policy regarding new or alterations to existing bus stops is as set out in section 2 above.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**