



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(EPSOM AND EWELL)**

STATION APPROACH, EPSOM – PUFFIN CROSSING

13 JULY 2009

KEY ISSUE

To approve the statutory advertising of the puffin crossing currently under construction in Station Approach.

SUMMARY

As part of the Fairview Homes Development (Emperor House) in Station Approach the Section 278 works included the provision of a puffin crossing outside Epsom Station. In order to fulfil the statutory consultation process approval is needed to advertise the provision of the puffin crossing.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Epsom and Ewell) is asked to agree:

- (i) That authorisation is given to advertise the provision of a puffin crossing in Station Approach outside Epsom Station.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of the Emperor House Development the developer committed, through the section 278 agreement, to construct a puffin crossing across Station Approach to replace the staggered pelican crossing that was there previously.
- 1.2 The puffin crossing construction is nearing completion. Statutory consultation with the emergency services is required before the crossing can be commissioned in order that the zig zag markings can be legally enforced.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The Highways Act requires that a puffin crossing comprises zig-zag road markings to prevent parking in the proximity of the crossing. This is particularly important at this location where vehicles will drop off and pick up passengers.
- 2.2 The statutory requirements call for the crossing to be advertised although there is no right of objection from members of the public.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The puffin crossing cannot be commissioned without the statutory notice being advertised.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Surrey Police have been aware of the proposed puffin crossing since the development was planned and are in favour of its provision. Approval is needed to formally consult with all emergency services.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY

- 5.1 The costs of advertising the provision of the puffin crossing will be met by contribution from the developer.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The provision of the puffin crossing will be beneficial to pedestrians, particularly those with sight or mobility impairment.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The zig-zag road markings prevent waiting within close proximity to the crossing and are enforceable by Surrey Police.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The necessary statutory consultation is required to allow the puffin crossing to be commissioned.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The puffin crossing will be of benefit to pedestrians crossing Station Approach to access Epsom Station.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 Should approval be forthcoming, the statutory consultation process will commence and, once completed, the puffin crossing will be commissioned.

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