



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM AND EWELL)

WEST STREET, EPSOM – PELICAN CROSSING

14 September 2009

KEY ISSUE

To approve the statutory advertising for the removal of the pelican crossing in West Street near Station Approach, Epsom due to the imminent construction of a new facility immediately adjoining.

SUMMARY

A scheme to provide a traffic signal controlled junction at West Street and Station Approach, Epsom, is due to be constructed this financial year and will include full pedestrian facilities. The existing pelican crossing will become redundant once the signal junction is complete. Approval is needed to advertise removal of the pelican crossing in West Street in order to fulfil the statutory consultation process.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) Authorisation is given to advertise the removal of the pelican crossing in West Street, Epsom.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of this year's Integrated Transport Scheme programme, a traffic signal controlled junction improvement has been approved for the junction of West Street / Station Approach, Epsom.
- 1.2 The existing pelican crossing across West Street will no longer be required as the proposed scheme will have pedestrian facilities built into the design.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 It is a statutory requirement from Clause 326 of the Highways Act 1980 that the removal of a pelican crossing is advertised.
- 2.2 Due to the potential for conflict, the proposed traffic signal controlled junction cannot be commissioned without the statutory notice being advertised allowing the existing crossing to be removed. Installing the signal junction without pedestrian facilities and retaining the existing crossing will reduce the potential improvement for pedestrians and present conflict / confusion for drivers.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Surrey Police will be notified by means of the statutory consultation process; they are aware of the proposals and supportive of the project.
- 3.2 Statutory consultation will be carried out with all emergency services.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY

- 4.1 The costs of advertising the removal of the pelican crossing will be met from the scheme budget. The scheme is being funded through S106 contributions.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The provision of the traffic signal controlled junction will be beneficial to pedestrians, particularly those with sight or mobility impairment.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None for the purpose of this report.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The necessary statutory consultation is required to allow the existing pelican crossing to be removed.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The pelican crossing will not be required once the new traffic signal controlled junction is constructed. Notice to remove the existing pelican is therefore required to meet Statutory obligations.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Should approval be forthcoming, the statutory consultation process will commence and, once completed, the pelican crossing can be removed. This will only happen once the new signal junction works are complete and the pedestrian controls are operational.

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