



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
[Epsom & Ewell]**

**CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS
PROGRESS REPORT**

8 December 2010

KEY ISSUE

To update the Local Committee about the programme of works already undertaken in 2010/11 and the works still to be completed.

SUMMARY

On 7 June 2010 a proposed programme of works was reported to the Local Committee. This report sets out what has already been achieved, what remains to be done and highlights changes to the original plan. Individual improvement schemes, which may attract Section 106 funding, are the subject of separate reports to the Committee as is deployment of a supplementary budget of £54,000 Local Allocation.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Epsom and Ewell) is asked to note the report for information.

EPSOM AND EWELL CAPITAL PROJECTS 2010/11

| INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SCHEMES | |
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| Project | Progress |
| Epsom Town Centre – Accessibility and junction improvements | A drainage improvement scheme completed earlier this year has served to prevent flooding on the corner of High Street and Waterloo Road outside 66 High Street. This has addressed a long-term problem for pedestrians who previously risked being splashed by passing vehicles following rain. |
| Cycle Strategy Scheme | A further dedication of developer related monies has enabled Surrey to participate in the partnering arrangement with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, the Environment Agency, the Lower Mole Project and Sustrans for the on-going development of the Hogsmill cycle path. |
| Blenheim Road Recycling Centre | <p>A temporary barrier has been in place across the road outside the waste site since June. A specific report was presented to this Committee in September relating to a petition gathered by the owners of the Epsom Car Care Centre at 19a Blenheim Road and it was resolved to review the results of the experimental closure at the originally appointed date in March 2011.</p> <p>A further letter was received on 5th August from Seta Floyd of the Epsom Car Care Centre with 33 signed statements objecting to the closure set out in the same terms as the previous petition. Aside from Mr Floyd's letter; no reports have been received by the Council direct citing traffic problems at the Recycling Centre.</p> |
| Stones Road Tunnel | The former footbridge linking Stones Road with Miles Road had become unsafe and has now been removed. Sadly, the cost of removal and unforeseen budget constraints has prevented |

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| | restoration of the link tunnel during the current financial year but this remains top priority for the forthcoming year commencing April 2011. In the meantime access across the railway is not available at this location; the nearest alternative route to the south (for all traffic) is via Hook Road and, to the north (for foot traffic only), via the West Street footbridge. |
| Waiting Restriction Review | |
| Ewell By Pass southbound right turn ban into Cheam Road | A new restriction preventing the right turn into Cheam Road (Ewell Village bound) was implemented last year and supplemented later with a “no right turn” sign. The site continues to be monitored for instances of non-compliance. One injury accident has been recorded at this junction in February 2010, which appeared to have been the result of the signals being out of action. However, it is too early for data relating to the latter part of the year to have been included on the Council’s database and thus an accurate appraisal of the success of the scheme cannot be made at this time. |
| A240 Reigate Road speed limit reduction from 40 to 30 mph Ewell By Pass to a point 100 metres south of Longdown Lane North | Completed. |
| Tattenham Corner speed limit reduction | Completed. |
| Plan E | A package of highway measures has been incorporated within Epsom and Ewell Borough Council’s Plan for Epsom, which is fully embraced by Surrey. They include proposals to return South Street to two-way operation and associated improvements in High Street. A traffic model prepared by Transport for Surrey indicates the measure will serve to reduce journey times through the town centre. Funding for the Plan will come from monies collected from future building developments in Epsom over the forthcoming 20 years. |
| Kiln Lane Link | The Kiln Lane Link initiative remains under consideration although capital Government funding has been withdrawn; to be reviewed not before 2016. |

ADDITIONAL LOCAL ALLOCATION BUDGET

A budget of £54,000 was awarded immediately before the previous report to this Committee and Members were subsequently able to agree on how it was to be used. The agreed initiatives are listed below together with a review of progress.

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| Downs Road additional measures to traffic restraint scheme (£15,000) | Proposed measures to include illumination of traffic island bollards and revisions to the existing give way arrangement at the Treadwell Road junction. |
| Hays Walk footway (£13,000) | Incorporated as part of forthcoming capital maintenance plan |
| First Avenue carriageway (£6,500) | Works anticipated early January |
| Chessington Road footway (£6,500) | Works completed |
| Riverview Road carriageway (£6,500) | Subsequent to Septembers meeting it was established that this road was to be included on next years surface treatment programme. Hence, the budget identified has been used to supplement works in Tealing Drive. |
| Tealing Drive carriageway (originally £6,500, now £13,000) | Works anticipated February |
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MEMBER FUNDED SCHEMES

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| Vehicle Activated Signing to support Police Enforcement | The following sites were proposed: 2 VAS in Church Street, Epsom 1 VAS in Hook Road 1 VAS in Wells Road 1 VAS in Longdown Lane South 1 VAS in Chessington Road near Derek Avenue All have been installed aside from those in Church Street where technical difficulties have been encountered. Although the heads were installed, they have subsequently been removed but are due to be replaced during December |
| Ruxley Lane / Chessington Road guard railings | Further works have been carried out to enhance appearance and provide continuity by painting all guardrails in the road green, in keeping with those at the junction with Chessington Road. |

2010/11 EXTERNALLY FUNDED SCHEMES

| Project | Progress |
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| Hospital Cluster Development | Work on the St Ebbas Development progressed. The new access has been constructed and Hook Road has been resurfaced. In addition a new, shared cycle path has been created from Horton Lane to Chantilly Way. |
| East Street Railway Bridge (by hook Road) | Network Rail has plans to replace this rail over road bridge commencing Easter 2011; duration 3 weeks. Operations will necessitate closure of the road to traffic for three weeks and, for the first three days to pedestrians as well. The works are proposed because a recent inspection revealed the existing structure is nearing the end of its working life. The diversion will be via Upper High Street, Alexandra Road, College Road and Reigate Road. |
| Chessington Road toucan crossing | This Committee has approved the introduction of a new toucan crossing adjoining Riverholme Drive, which will be carried out developers of the St Ebba's housing estate. Work is expected to commence during 2011. |
| East Street | This Committee has approved proposals to introduce shared cycle facilities along East Street between Kiln Lane and Epsom town centre together with improvements to the signal junctions at Hook Road and Kiln Lane. A business case has since been put to Sainsbury's who donated the Section 106 funds we intend to use. In accordance with the agreement made with Sainsbury's, they must be consulted on any proposals, which differ from the original Kiln Lane Link plan. |
| Reigate Road pedestrian crossing | Following approval of this scheme at the previous meeting of the Committee, a local consultation has been carried out which has generated an objection. The scheme has been help pending resolution of the objection. |
| Beggars Hill controlled pedestrian crossing | Development of this scheme was approved by this Committee in September and, since that time the design has been developed in consultation with the Police, the Council's Safety Audit Team and local bus operators. Signal equipment for the proposed crossing has now been ordered and works are expected to begin on site in late January. |
| The Vale Primary School traffic restraint and pedestrian measures. | Consultation documents have been issued since this scheme was approved in September and, at the time of drafting this report; arrangements are being made to meet residents for further discussions. The outcome may be discussed at the Committee meeting. |
| Ewell Village Consultation | Details still to be developed. |

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| Hogsmill Cycle Route | A further contribution of Section 106 monies to be targeted at the continued development of this route in collaboration with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and Sustrans |
| Ruxley Lane alley | Following completion of a deed of dedication for adjoining land, the path is to be widened subject to funding becoming available |
| Christ Church Road and West Hill | Shared cycle facilities and associated measures proposed as part of the West Park Development. Plans to be brought before the Local Committee once prepared. |
| Epsom Station Development | Work has begun to redevelop Epsom Railway Station. This is a major scheme, which may take up to two years to complete. The final stages will include renewal to the public footway outside the station, which will include provisions for cyclists. |

EPSOM AND EWELL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS PROGRESS

| 2010/11 MAJOR MAINTENANCE SCHEMES | |
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| Project | Progress |
| | Due to funding constraints, no major maintenance is planned for the current financial year. |

| 2010/11 MICRO ASPHALT SCHEMES CARRIAGEWAYS | |
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| Project | Progress |
| Middle Lane | Completed |
| Woodcote Green Road | Completed |
| Burgh Heath Road | Substantially completed but remedial works outstanding. |

2010/11 CARRIAGEWAY LOCAL STRUCTURAL REPAIRS

| Project | Progress |
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| Pams Way | Completed |
| Ruxley lane | Completed |
| Harding Road | Completed |
| Dirdene Gardens | Completed |
| Old London Road | Completed |
| Kingston Road | Completed |
| Bradford Drive | Completed |
| Cumnor Gardens | Works planned for November / December |
| Gainsborough Road | Works planned for January |
| Auriol Park Road | Works planned for January |
| Tattenham Corner Road (southern limit) | Completed |

2010/11 ADDITIONAL CARRIAGEWAY SURFACING AND DRAINAGE WORKS

A further allocation totalling £86,000 has been awarded to Epsom and Ewell Borough for carriageway and drainage repairs from the annual revenue budget.

| Project | Progress |
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| Adelphi Road carriageway surfacing | Completed |
| Clayton Road carriageway surfacing | Completed |
| High Street (westbound outside nos 1-13) carriageway surfacing | Completed |
| High Street junction of Waterloo Road drainage repairs and surfacing | Completed |

2010/11 SURFACE DRESSING SCHEMES (CARRIAGEWAYS)

| Location | Extents | Progress |
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| Christ Church Road | Boro boundary to Stamford Green Road | Completed |
| Cheam Road | County boundary to Springfield Road | Completed |
| Ewell By Pass | Cheam Road to Reigate Road, eastbound and westbound | Completed |
| Epsom Road | Windmill Lane to Hampton Grove | Completed |
| Ashley Road | Downhill Road to Langley Vale road | Completed |
| Alexandra Road | College Road to Bridge Road | Completed |
| Windmill Lane | Mill Road to Windmill Close | Completed |
| A240 Kingston Road | Bradford Drive to Thorndon Gardens, northbound and southbound | Completed |

OTHER INITIATIVES

| Location | Progress |
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| Safety camera in Dorking Road | Subject to funding |
| Safety camera A24 Epsom Road | A road safety issue has been identified and a safety camera proposed subject to funding |

DAYWORKS GANGS

Starting July, a day works gang was deployed to undertake small-scale works within the Borough and a second gang from September supplemented this. Their presence has allowed prompt response to urgent requests for service and they have also been utilised for small-scale works. Their activities have included:

| Location | Progress |
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| Fendall Road verge hardening | Completed |
| Gibraltar Crescent verge hardening | Completed |
| West Street bollards to prevent anti social parking | Completed |
| Cheam Road by Northey Avenue new fence | Completed |
| Wolsey Close verge hardening | Completed |

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| Fairford Gardens kerb realignment and carriageway patching | Completed |
| Ruxley Lane installation of posts and paint guardrails | Completed |
| Cromwell Road local carriageway repairs | Completed |
| Manor Drive footpath drainage improvements | Completed |
| Blenheim Road carriageway repairs | Completed |
| Reigate Road grip renewal | Completed |
| West Street, Ewell, new gully | Completed |

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