

Review of Street Furniture for Epsom Town Centre Task Group

Terms of Reference

Membership:

Surrey County Council

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Substitutes:

Delegated by member of Task Group

Frequency of Meetings:

As required

Lifespan of Task Group

The Group will meet to discuss proposals and make recommendations to the Local Committee, SCC Highways, and EEBC Planning Department in line with Plan E for as long as required to rationalise street furniture in Epsom Town Centre.

Reporting mechanism:

The Task Group will make recommendations to the SCC Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell], and the EEBC Planning Department about the way forward..

Officer support:

SCC & EEBC as appropriate

Consultation:

Consultation with residents, the business community, Surrey Police and SCC Highways.

Aims and Objectives:

To consider proposals to rationalise street furniture in Epsom Town Centre to improve the street scene and determine a planning identity. The town centre of Epsom is in need of a consistent street furniture style. At present there is an eclectic mix of bollards, seats, litterbins and street lighting. A street scene strategy would enhance the image of Epsom Town Centre.

Funding for an initial package of measures can be met from Section 106 contributions already held in SCC Highways. It is anticipated that £20k can be used immediately, but envisaged that continuous improvements will be possible year on year once a style is agreed and as finance becomes available from developments or other sources.

The four cornerstones of the issues that need addressing are:

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- Plan E has highlighted the need to make Epsom more attractive for residents
- Greater need to encourage people to shop in Epsom Town Centre rather than nearby shopping areas such as Kington and Sutton
- A way to make the public realm appear more attractive to use matching street furniture and any chosen 'theme' may be emulated when the new lighting columns are installed as part of the PFI contract in Epsom.
- Choose a style of street furniture.

The group will agree a Street Furniture Strategy

Output:

The intended output of the Task Group is to choose a style that complements the centre in consultation with local businesses and residents.

- Choose a style either contemporary similar to the Station Approach area with stainless steel guardrail, cycle stands, modern street lighting columns
- Choose a traditional style with wooden and cast iron seating, cast iron bollards, and litter bins.
- Choose a conventional style with functional aspect to seats, litterbins and market place feeder pillars.
- Agree an agreed action plan for a way forward on this project.

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