



**A25 EPSOM ROAD GAP CLOSURE**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL  
COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)**

**21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2005**

**KEY ISSUE**

This report recommends permanent closure of a central reservation gap on the dual carriageway A25 Epsom Road between the Park Lane roundabout and Clandon Crossroads.

**SUMMARY**

The closure of the gap is a planning condition imposed by the Guildford Borough Council as Planning Authority attached to the grant of planning permission for the golf course, club house and Park and Ride facility. The gap will effectively be replaced by a new roundabout on the A25 immediately to the west.

**Report by**

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

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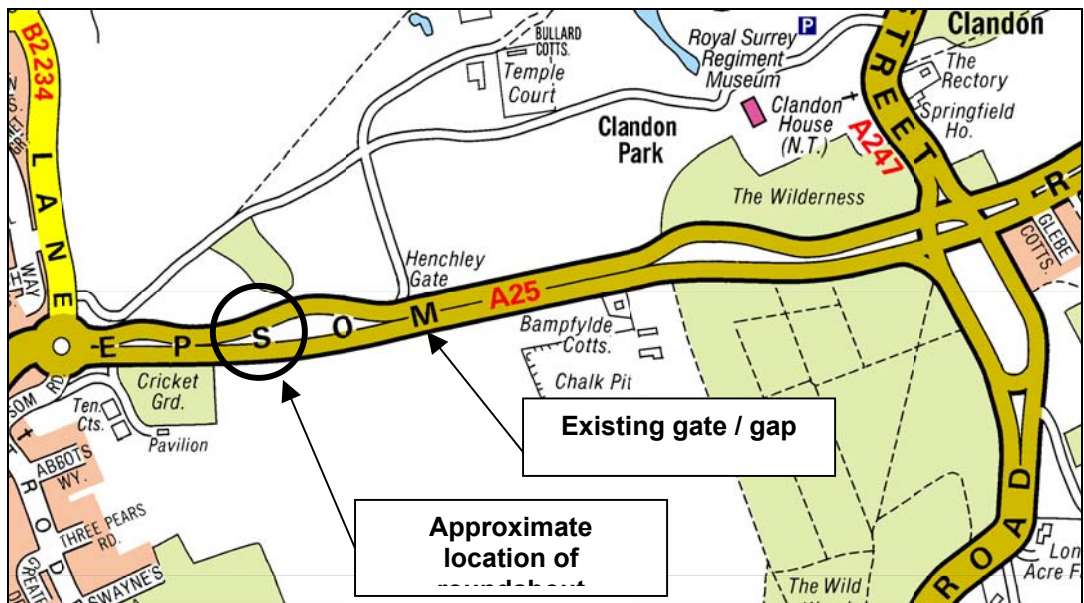
**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the closure of the central reservation gap at Henchley Gate on the A25 be approved.
- (ii) that the intention of Surrey County Council to make the Order as set out in this report be advertised under the appropriate sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and if no objections are maintained, the Order be made.
- (iii) that following consideration and, where possible, resolution of any objections received, the Orders be made.

**INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

1 Construction is due to commence shortly on the A25 Epsom Road roundabout providing access to the proposed Park and Ride site at Merrow. The northern arm of this roundabout will provide access to Temple Court and Clandon Park, replacing the existing access some 160 metres to the east of the roundabout. The existing access will be closed by virtue of a condition attached to the grant of planning permission. A location plan is shown below:



**THE PROPOSED CLOSURE**

2 In the interests of road safety, it is proposed to close the gap in the central reservation opposite the existing access. This gap is used for two purposes at present:

- (i) by those leaving the Temple Court / Clandon Park site wishing to turn right towards Guildford (or turning right to enter the site). These users will enter or leave their premises via the new roundabout, providing a much safer point of access to this major road.
  - (ii) by occupants of Bampfyld Cottages on the south side of Epsom Road to the east of the roundabout. These users cannot turn right across the central reservation in order to head eastbound towards Clandon Crossroads, so may use the existing gap to perform a U-turn. These users will have a much safer U-turn facility in the form of the new roundabout, although they will have to travel an additional 500 metres (in each direction) to do so. It is likely that these users do not use the existing gap, but U-turn more safely at the Park Road roundabout, in which case their journey distances will actually be reduced.
- 3 A temporary traffic order is already in preparation to allow the gap to be closed during the construction period. This will apply for a maximum period of 18 months.

**CONSULTATION**

- 4 No informal consultation has been carried out to date, since this proposal is a requirement of a planning application which has already been agreed. The order will be advertised, and any objections received will be dealt with in the normal way.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5 The cost of making the Order will be charged to the roundabout scheme, which is funded by Local Transport Plan capital as an Intermediate Scheme. The cost of associated signage has already been allowed for as part of the scheme.

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