



**WOODBIDGE ROAD (SOUTH) BUS LANE:
PROPOSED ALTERATION OF TIMES OF
OPERATION**

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

21st JULY 2005

KEY ISSUE

This report concerns the proposed alteration of the operational times of the existing bus lane in Woodbridge Road, between the Bus Station and Onslow Street.

SUMMARY

The report sets out the reasons for changing the operational times of the bus lane from peak hours (7.00 to 10.00 am and 4.00 to 7.00 pm Monday to Saturday) to 12 hour (7.00 am to 7.00 pm Monday to Saturday).

Report by

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

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GUILDFORD SOUTH WEST

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the traffic regulation order as described in Paragraph 5 and shown in **ANNEXE A** be agreed.
- (ii) that the intention of County Council to make the Order as set out in paragraph 6 of 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 AND BACKGROUND

- 1 In September 2004 the Onslow Street bus lane was completed. This linked with an existing bus lane on Woodbridge Road between the bus station and Onslow Street. This will be referred to as the Woodbridge Road South bus lane. This is shown on the Plan attached as **ANNEXE A**.
- 2 The Woodbridge Road South bus lane is operational during peak hours (7.00 to 10.00 am and 4.00 to 7.00 pm Monday to Saturday). The new Onslow Street bus lane, however, operates from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm Monday to Saturday.
- 3 It has become apparent that this difference in periods of operation is causing difficulties. These include confusion for drivers, both of buses and other vehicles. Surrey Police are concerned at the inconsistency in the periods of operation, which make it difficult to enforce the bus lanes effectively. The bus companies have also reported problems at the junction of Woodbridge Road South and Onslow Street as drivers try to change lanes.
- 4 An opportunity has arisen to correct this problem by advertising the modification alongside the traffic regulation order for the second phase of the Woodbridge Road bus lane.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO OPERATIONAL TIMINGS

- 5 It is proposed to change the operation timings of the Woodbridge Road South bus lane, from peak hours (7.00 to 10.00 am and 4.00 to 7.00 pm Monday to Saturday) to 12 hour (7.00 am to 7.00 pm Monday to Saturday). This will apply to the section of bus lane from the bus station exit to its junction with Onslow Street.

CONSULTATION

6 Surrey Police and the bus companies support this modification.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7 This modification will be funded as part of the Woodbridge Road bus lane project, which is currently funded under the LTP as an Intermediate Scheme.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

8 This modification should make the use of the bus lane easier for authorised vehicles, thus improving public transport services.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	None

PLAN OF WOODBRIDGE ROAD SOUTH BUS LANE

