



**EFFINGHAM COMMON ROAD,
EFFINGHAM JUNCTION
PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGE**

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

20th OCTOBER 2005

KEY ISSUE

This reports recommends that a scheme to provide a pedestrian refuge on Effingham Common Road, Effingham Junction be abandoned.

SUMMARY

Concerns were raised by a member of the public about the safety of pedestrians crossing at this location, near Effingham Junction railway station. A feasibility study was carried out, which supported the proposal. Consultation with Effingham Parish Council, Surrey Police, County and Borough Members and Guildford Borough Council (GBC) resulted in a majority against the proposals.

Report by

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

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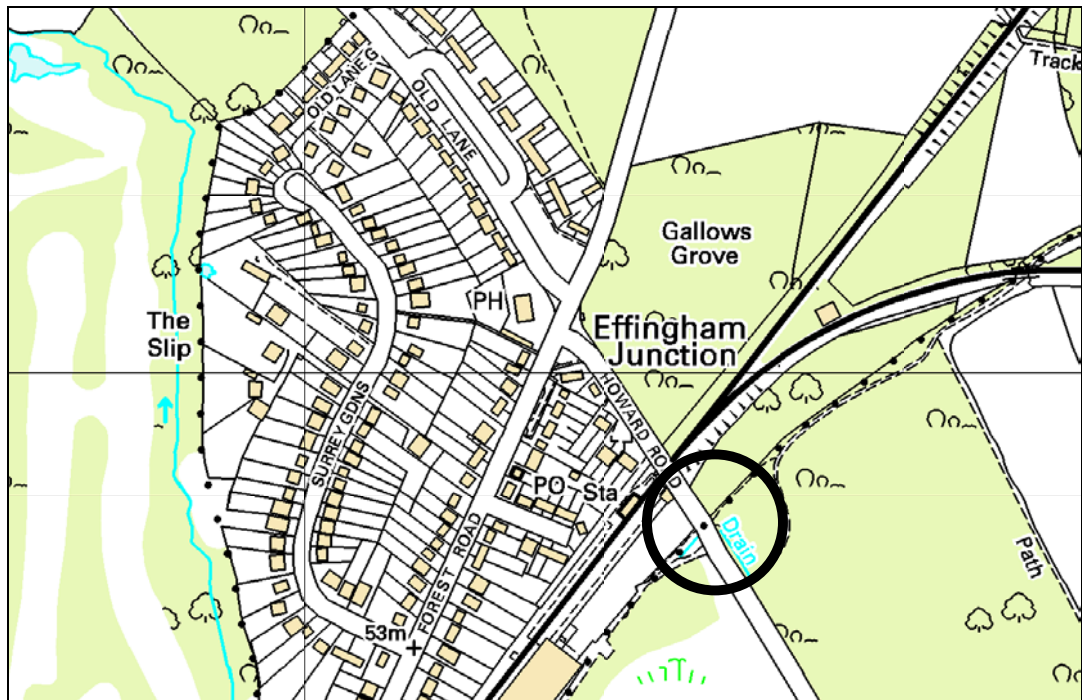
OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the pedestrian refuge on Effingham Common Road, Effingham Junction, approved by this Committee on 20 January 2005 and shown in drawing number G744 be abandoned.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1 Effingham Common Road is a single carriageway road, which runs in a southerly direction from Forest Road, East Horsley to the centre of Effingham Village. There is a bus lay-by on the western side, a private side road (Old London Road), which provides access to Effingham Junction Railway Station car park, pedestrian entrance to the station and a bridge over the railway lines which reduces the sightlines of pedestrians crossing at this location. A location plan is shown below.



- 2 This road is semi rural in nature. There is a footpath located on the western side of the road, which switches to the east approximately 40m south of the entrance to the station. There are currently no other pedestrian facilities in the area. A bridleway crosses Effingham Common Road at the entrance to the station car park. There are currently no public bus services using the bus stops, however it is believed that coaches from St Teresa's preparatory school pick up and drop off here. The speed limit changes from 50 mph to 30 mph at the lay-by.
- 3 The introduction of pedestrian refuge was first requested by a resident of Effingham. Consideration was given to this request by the Transportation Task Group in Autumn 2002 which recommended that the scheme be added to the programme; this was subsequently confirmed by the Local Committee on 12 December 2002.

PROPOSALS

- 4 Following a technical assessment, an optimum site was identified where a pedestrian refuge could be constructed. This was approximately 10 metres south of the junction with Old London Road and is shown in drawing number G744 which will be on display at the meeting.
- 5 A crossing at this location would require some carriageway widening to accommodate the new pedestrian refuge island and some street lighting in its immediate vicinity. It was intended that this be kept to the minimum needed to satisfy the safety requirements. The footpath on the eastern side would also need to be extended.
- 6 The scheme has not yet been subjected to a stage 2 safety audit and if the recommendations are agreed this will not now take place.
- 7 The 3-year (July 2000 to June 2003) personal injury accident history for these 2 roads shows only one accident which was not pedestrian related.

CONSULTATIONS

- 8 Consultations revealed a mixed response, as shown in the table below.

	For	Against
Effingham Parish Council		X
Mr W D Barker		X
Cllr Liz Hogger		X
Surrey Police	X	
Guildford Borough Council	X	

- 9 Effingham Parish Council has objected to the scheme on the grounds that there is little pedestrian demand for such a facility, the proposed location is too close to the railway bridge and forward visibility would be a problem and the proposals would take some of the bus stop lay-by where presently vehicles park when collecting / dropping off passengers for Effingham Junction train station. The proposed pedestrian refuge would also force vehicles that currently U turn in the mouth of Old London Road, Station car park entrance, into the car park to turn around.
- 10 Mr Barker supports the Parish Council views.
- 11 Cllr Liz Hogger objected to the scheme on the grounds that it would diminish the lay-by space for vehicles dropping / picking up passengers from the station and would remove space which currently allows a U turn manoeuvre to be performed.
- 12 Guildford Borough Council appreciates the refuge will aid pedestrians to cross but question the precise location and how many people cross at this point.

- 13 Surrey Police support the scheme but otherwise made no specific comments.

CONCLUSIONS & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14 In view of the lack of support for the scheme, and the pressure on the minor improvements programme in general, it is recommended that the scheme be abandoned.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS	Guildford Local Committee Report – 20.01.05
