



**MINOR IMPROVEMENTS
PROGRAMME REVIEW 2007-2008**

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

14th JUNE 2007

KEY ISSUE

This report recommends the rationalisation of the Minor Improvements list as recommended by the Members Task Group. It also makes recommendations regarding the allocation of £37,000 of additional Local Transport Plan funds and £100,000 of Local Capital Allocation available to the Committee.

SUMMARY

The Transportation Task Group met on 30 January 2007 to consider new requests for minor improvements and to review the existing minor highway improvements programme. The recommendations of the Task Group are set out in the report.

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LOCAL HIGHWAYS MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the recommendations of the Transportation Task Group regarding the deletion of schemes as set out in **ANNEXE A TABLE 3** be approved, with the sole exception of scheme 7/349, A25 Midleton Road, Guildford cycle facilities (Dennis Roundabout to Ladymead junction). It is recommended that this scheme be reinstated in the list shown in **ANNEXE A, TABLE 6**,
- (ii) that the additional £37,000 of Local Transport Plan funds referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 be used to cover the predicted increased cost of the Shawfield Road scheme, subject to the decision of the Committee regarding Item 15 on this agenda.
- (iii) that in the event that the Committee resolves at Item 8 on this agenda to reserve the £100,000 Local Capital Allocation for highway purposes, that the funds be deployed as set out in paragraph 12-19 of this report.

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The Transportation Task Group met on the 30th January 2007 to review progress achieved on existing Minor Improvement Schemes and to consider new requests put forward since last year.
- 2 Due to the large number of schemes on the assessment list and reduced capital funding, Members agreed that a comprehensive review of existing schemes should be carried out with a view to rationalising the programme.
- 3 Accordingly a report was brought to the last meeting of this Committee (Item 12, 22 March 2007) with seven recommendations related to rationalising and progressing the minor schemes programme. This meeting, however, continued until late in the evening, and resolved that it would be inappropriate to take potentially controversial decisions regarding the programme at such a late hour. The Committee therefore approved all the officer recommendations in Item 12 at that meeting except recommendation (iii).
- 4 For ease of reference the entire text of the March 2007 report is attached as **ANNEXE A**.
- 5 A request was made that a brief summary of each scheme be provided. This is attached as **ANNEXE B** to this report. Prior to the last meeting of the Committee a request was made that all SCC and GBC Members should be sent the list of proposed deletions to allow them the opportunity to comment. Two replies were received, from Cllrs. Liz Hogger and Keith Chesterton. These comments have been included in the summaries in **ANNEXE B**.

- 6 The comment from former Cllr. Chesterton is supported by officers, since (a) the scheme forms a logical link in the cycle network without which a discontinuity would be apparent, and (b) several other cycle schemes are proposed for deletion and there remains a need to provide for cyclists as part of the Committee's balanced minor scheme programme.

REVISION TO LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FUNDING AVAILABLE

- 7 Since the March meeting of this Committee the funds allocated for each of the eleven Local Committees' programmes have been revised upwards. In Guildford's case the budget has increased from £620,000 to £657,000, an increase of £37,000.
- 8 As reported in Item 15 on this agenda, the predicted cost of the Shawfield Road scheme has risen due mainly to the replacement of a chicane with a zebra crossing in response to suggestions made during the public consultation. It is therefore recommended that the additional funding be offset against these additional costs.

LOCAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION

- 9 At Item 8 on today's agenda, the arrangements for the use of the Local Capital Allocation of £100,000 per Local Committee are set out. The 2006/07 allocation remains at last year's level, i.e. £100,000, although the actual amount is only fixed once the out-turn figure for the previous year is known, usually by July. This allows for any adjustment for over- or under-spend from the previous year.
- 10 Some years ago this allocation was specifically for transportation purposes. Since 2003 its scope has been widened, and the Local Committee can decide whether it again wishes to allocate this budget for transportation purposes or any other SCC service purpose. It may only be used for capital projects (rather than for revenue costs).
- 11 Over the last four years the Local Committee has agreed that this should continue to be spent on transportation projects. In view of the overall reduction in transportation funding, the Committee is asked to agree that these funds be made available for transportation purposes.
- 12 Subject to this decision, the following four projects selected from **TABLES 5 and 6** of **ANNEXE A** are recommended for further development.
- 7/318 A320 Woking Road, junction with the A3 Slip, Guildford:
Pedestrian Phasing at signal**
- 13 Funding for the feasibility and design stages of this project during 2007/08 have already been agreed at an estimated cost of £15,000. The full estimated cost of the project is £60,000. The project is believed to be uncomplicated and it should therefore be possible to implement the controlled crossing later in the year at an additional cost of £45,000.

**7/339 A247 Send Barns Lane & Send Road, Send:
Provision of Pedestrian & cycle facilities**

- 14 This project is intended to improve facilities for both pedestrians and cyclists along and across the A247 in Send. The need for improved crossing facilities in the vicinity of Send First School and the health centre was highlighted at the last meeting of the Committee by a public question from Sue Springall, Head Teacher of the school. Officers are already working with the school to overcome problems caused by parental parking in the hope that a school crossing patrol might be possible as an interim solution. The project is included in the recently published Send Parish Plan. The total estimated cost of this project is £140,000. An allocation of £20,000 for feasibility and design work during 2007/08 is recommended.

7/340 A25 Boxgrove Road: Pedestrian Facility at AA roundabout

- 15 This project arose as a result of discussion with local residents, former Cllr. Vivienne Johnson and officers. The original proposal was for a very minor improvement to assist pedestrians to cross Boxgrove Road safely. Doubts remain as to whether this is feasible within acceptable design and safety standards. Following feedback from the Government Office for the South East on the County Council's Local Transport Plan that more needed to be done to assist cyclists, officers proposed that the scheme be expanded to a 'toucan' crossing at the substantially greater cost estimated at £110,000. The Transportation Task Group suggested that the scope of the project should be revisited. An allocation of £15,000 would enable the feasibility and design work to commence during 2007/08.

7/345 Aldershot Road, Guildford: Pedestrian facility

- 16 This project arose from a desire to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the A323 Aldershot Road from the Gravetts Lane and Liddington Hall areas towards the Fairlands Estate. The matter has been raised on a number of occasions by Worplesdon Parish Council and the Fairlands Association. Worplesdon Primary School on the Fairlands Estate serves the whole of this area and officers have been working with the school to develop and implement their school travel plan and encourage safe walking to school.
- 17 A recent planning application resulted in a request from the Parish Council that Section 106 funds be used to contribute towards this scheme in the hope that the installation of the crossing would be brought forward. The report to the GBC Planning Committee stated "the suggested site for the suggested pedestrian crossing ... is at least 750m from the application site and it is not considered to be reasonable to link this proposal to the provision of a crossing at such a distance from it." The S106 funds have been used instead to improve the Real-time Passenger Information System in the area. It is now too late to revisit that decision. Nevertheless there is significant opportunity to improve pedestrian safety and school travel. An allocation of £20,000 for feasibility and design work during 2007/08 is recommended

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 18 The following **Devolved LTP funding** allocations for 2007/08 are proposed by this report:
- Original £620,000 allocation as described in **TABLE 4** of 22nd March 2007 report, attached as **ANNEXE A**
 - Further £37,000 allocation to be allocated to cover increased costs of Shawfield Road scheme as described in report at Item 15 on this agenda.
- 19 Subject to the decision of the Committee under Item 8 on this agenda regarding the allocation of these funds for transportation or other purposes, it is recommended that the **Local Capital Allocation** be deployed as follows:

7/318	A320 Woking Road, junction with the A3 Slip, Guildford: Pedestrian Phasing at signal Construction Costs	£ 45,000
7/339	A247 Send Barns Lane & Send Road, Send: Provision of Pedestrian & cycle facilities Feasibility and design costs	£ 20,000
7/340	A25 Boxgrove Road: Pedestrian Facility at AA roundabout Feasibility and design costs	£ 15,000
7/345	Aldershot Road, Guildford: Pedestrian facility Feasibility and design costs	£ 20,000
Total expenditure for 2007-2008		£ 100,000

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF LOCAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 20 Each scheme has site-specific environmental & economic implications, which will be described in future reports as each project progresses.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Guildford Local Committee Reports:
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22nd MARCH 2007

KEY ISSUE

This report documents progress on the Minor Improvements programme over the past year and recommends a number of newly identified schemes for addition to the programme. It further recommends the proposed rationalisation of Minor Improvements list as recommended by the Members Task Group.

SUMMARY

The Transportation Task Group met on 30 January 2007 to consider new requests for minor improvements and to review the existing minor highway improvements programme. The recommendations of the Task Group are set out in the report.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the progress made in delivering the minor improvements programme since last year be noted, including the completed projects set out in **TABLE 1** be noted.
- (ii) that the recommendations of the Transportation Task Group regarding new schemes put forward since last year be approved as set out in **TABLE 2**.
- (iii) that the recommendations of the Transportation Task Group regarding the deletion of schemes as set out in **TABLE 3** be approved.
- (iv) that the recommendations of the Transportation Task Group regarding schemes to be retained in the programme as set out in **TABLES 5 & 6** be approved.
- (v) that those schemes shown in **TABLE 5** be progressed as indicated during 2007/08.
- (vi) that proposed allocation of funds set out in **TABLE 4** and paragraphs 8 and 9 be approved.
- (vii) that officers be authorised to proceed with any necessary actions including traffic orders, advertisements and notices of intent in order to deliver these projects.

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The Transportation Task Group met on the 30th January 2007 to review progress achieved on existing Minor Improvement Schemes and to consider new requests put forward since last year.
- 2 Due to the large number of schemes on the assessment list and reduced capital funding, Members agreed that a comprehensive review of existing schemes should be carried out with a view to rationalising the programme.

PROGRESS DURING 2006/2007

- 3 **TABLE 1** overleaf sets out details of those schemes that have been constructed since April 2006, or which are due to start construction shortly funded from the 2006/07 LTP settlement.

Scheme Code	Scheme Location	Remarks and Reviews
7/306	Normandy Village Safety Scheme, various including School Safety Zone	Programmed to start in March 07
7/310	B2039 Ockham Road South, East Horsley, pedestrian facility	Completed
7/319	A3100 Portsmouth Rd, St Catherine Environmental Improvement	Under construction – to be completed late March
7/336	Newark Lane J/W Wentworth close, Ripley - Pedestrian facility	Completed – Safety Audit remedials to be carried out
7/338	A25 Shere Road, Sherborne Reduce dual carriageway to single lane and junctions improvements	Completed
7/346	A281 Horsham Road Shalford Pedestrian facility	Under Construction

TABLE 1 – PROGRESS OVER LAST 12 MONTHS

NEW REQUESTS

- 4 During last year, 3 potential new improvements were identified by Officers, Members, Parish Councils and residents. The Transportation Task Group received a detailed presentation on each of these, including an assessment by officers of the opportunity each scheme provided to meet Local Transport Plan (LTP) objectives. These schemes and the Task Group recommendations are incorporated and shown in **TABLE 2** below.

Scheme Code	Scheme Location	Remarks and Review
N/A	A281 Horsham Road / Station Approach, Shalford Junction re-alignment and parking	Not recommended for inclusion into the Assessment list.
N/A	A247 Send Road, Send Pedestrian facility	Not recommended for inclusion into the Assessment list
N/A	A320 Woking Road/Jacobs Well Road Junction Improvements	Recommended for inclusion into the Assessment list

TABLE 2 – NEW SCHEMES PUT FORWARD WITH TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

REVIEW OF EXISTING SCHEMES

- 5 In February 2006 the Committee agreed following the recommendation of the Task Group to review all existing scheme with a view of assessing each scheme in relation to the County's second Local Transport Plan (LTP2) establishing the need of such measures based on need, meeting targets and change of circumstances (some were over 10 years old) and reduced funding over last few years.

- 6 **TABLES 5 & 6** at the end of this report show details of schemes which are recommended for retention in the programme. **TABLE 5** shows those schemes on which activity is proposed during 2007/2008. In most cases this includes feasibility, detailed design and construction. However in four cases, as noted in the right hand column, only feasibility and detailed design is proposed, and construction will follow in future years. Those schemes shown in **TABLE 6** will not commence until 2008/09 or later, with their priority to be determined by future meetings of the Task Group and this Committee. In neither of these tables is the order of the schemes significant.
- 7 Following consideration of details of each scheme, it was agreed that the schemes shown in **TABLE 3** below should be deleted from Minor Improvements Assessment List.

Scheme Code	Scheme Location
7/257	A25 Woodbridge Rd, Guildford j/w Woodbridge Meadows - Junction Improvement
7/286	Wodeland Ave, Guildford - Traffic calming or partial Road closures (NB – However it should be assessed for 20mph instead in accordance with the National and County Policies)
7/322	A320 Stoke Rd, J/W Nightingale Rd Pedestrian Phasing
7/325	A246 Guildford Road j/w The Street, Effingham - Provision of Right Turn Lane
7/327	Castle Hill Traffic Management
7/328	A25 Stoke Crossroads to Middleton Rd, Cycle facility
7/332	Fairlands to Westborough Cycle facilities
7/334	A248 New Road, Chilworth - Widening/Improvements of footway
7/341	A320 Woking Road J/W Fir tree Path Guildford Pedestrian Controlled crossing
7/342	A320 Woking Road, Stringers Av. To Borough boundary, footway improvements, shared cycle & pedestrian facility
7/344	A3100 Portsmouth Road junction with Tilthams Corner Road, Peasmarsh, Pedestrian facility
7/347	Shere Village Safety Scheme Phase 2
7/349	A25 Midleton Road, Guildford from Dennis roundabout to Ladymead junction- Cycle facilities
7/350	A320 Woking Road, Jacobs Well From Moorfield Rd to Stringers Av., Pedestrian and Cycle facilities
7/353	A31 Farnham Road J/W Wodeland Avenue – pedestrian refuges

TABLE 3 – SCHEMES PROPOSED FOR DELETION FROM THE PROGRAMME

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8 The following allocation of funding from the total £620,000 of devolved LTP funding is proposed for 2007/2008:

Proposed Programme for 2007-2008 – improvements	£ 540,000
New Road Marking & Signing	£ 20,000
Guildford SRS works	£ 20,000
Speed management, posters and Vehicle Activated Safety signs (not Speed Visors)	£ 40,000
Total expenditure for 2007-2008	£ 620,000

TABLE 4 – PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDING

- 9 In addition to the above, it is expected that £100,000 of Local Capital Allocation will be available as in previous years. This is yet to be confirmed by the County Council. In view of this a further report will be brought to the to the next Local Meeting on 14th June 2007 with proposals for its allocation.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 10 Each scheme has site-specific environmental & economic implications, which will be described in future reports as each project progresses.

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TABLE 5: SCHEMES REMAINING IN CONSTRUCTION POOL & ASSESSMENT LISTS

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Schemes on which Feasibility, design or construction is proposed during 2007/08

Scheme Code	Scheme Location	Estimated Cost	Funding year(s)	ARR %	BCR %	Remarks and Reviews
7/303	B3206 Shawfield Road, Ash - Pedestrian facilities Total PIA's 7 [(Pedes 1), (P/C 3)]	£ 95,000	2007/8	138	27	To be funded for detail design and construction in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/316	Station Parade, East Horsley Pedestrian Controlled Crossing Total PIA's 1 [(Pedes 1), (P/C 0)]	£ 65,000	2007/8	14	12	To be funded for feasibility, detail design and construction in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/318	A320 Woking Road, J/W The A3 Slip, Guildford Pedestrian Phasing at signal Total PIA's 0 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£ 60,000 (£ 15,000)	2007/8	0	10	To be funded for <u>feasibility and detail design</u> in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/323	West Clandon Village Safety Scheme Total PIA's 11 [(Pedes 1), (P/C 1)]	£100,000	2007/8	134	11	To be funded for feasibility, detail design and construction in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/324	A247 Send Barns Rd/Send Marsh Rd, Send Pedestrian phasing at the signal junction Total PIA's 2 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 1)]	£60,000	2007/8	21	16	To be funded for feasibility, detail design and construction in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/326	Southway, Park Barn - Signing and Road markings Total PIA's 3 [(Pedes 1), (P/C 1)]	£10,000	2007/8	355	7	To be funded for detail design and construction in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/335	Seale & Sands Village - Village Safety Scheme Total PIA's 25 [(Pedes 1), (P/C 1)]	£90,000	2007/8	337	7	To be funded for construction in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/337	York Rd j/w London Rd, Guildford Widening of carriageway Total PIA's 7 [(Pedes 2), (P/C 1)]	£210,000 (£ 20,000)	2007/8	42	7	To be funded for <u>feasibility and detail design</u> in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/343	Guildford Park Road, Guildford - Provision of pedestrian facility between the station and Farnham Road Total PIA's 9 [(Pedes 5), (P/C 0)]	£55,000	2007/8	175	26	To be funded for feasibility, detail design and construction in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/348	A31 Hog's Back, J/W B3000 Puttenham Interchange, Junction Improvements Total PIA's 19 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£150,000 (£ 15,000)	2007/8	161	3	To be funded for <u>feasibility and detail design</u> in 2007/2008 financial year.
7/352	East Horsley Village safety scheme Total PIA's 27 [(Pedes 5), (P/C 0)]	£120,000 (£ 15,000)	2007/8	273	11	To be funded for <u>feasibility and detail design</u> in 2007/2008 financial year.
	TOTAL	£ 540,000				

TABLE 6: SCHEMES REMAINING IN CONSTRUCTION POOL & ASSESSMENT LISTS

Schemes which will be commenced in 2008/09 or later

Scheme Code	Scheme Location	Estimated Cost	Funding year(s)	ARR %	BCR %	Remarks and Reviews
7/120	A25 Shere Rd, Newlands Corner, Shere, Provision of pedestrian facility Total PIA's 0 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£120,000		0	8	Retain, however await funding opportunities (not LTP)
7/305	Pirbright village Safety Scheme Phase II Total PIA's 5 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£60,000		99	5	
7/313	A248 Kings Road, Shalford Provision of footway & Pedestrian facility Total PIA's 1 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£110,000		11	10	
7/329	Onslow Village to station - Cycle facilities Total PIA's 56 [(Pedes 16), (P/C 1)]	£80,000		688	7	
7/330	Artington to Town Centre - Cycle facilities Total PIA's 20 [(Pedes 3), (P/C 2)]	£90,000		263	9	
7/331	Chilworth to Shalford - Cycle facilities Total PIA's 13 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 1)]	£100,000		154	6	Retain, however await funding opportunities i.e. Section 106 etc (not LTP).
7/339	A247 Send Barns Lane & Send Road, Send, Provision of Pedestrian & cycle facilities Total PIA's 22 [(Pedes 2), (P/C 3)]	£140,000		190	9	
7/340	A25 Boxgrove Road, Guildford Pedestrian Facility at AA roundabout Total PIA's 0 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£110,000		0	7	Retain, however scope of the project to be reconsidered when funding becomes available.
7/345	Aldershot Road, Guildford - Pedestrian facility Total PIA's 3 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£100,000		32	7	
7/351	Egerton Road, Park Barn - Pedestrian & Cycle facilities	£75,000		0	4	Linked to UniS proposals
7/354	Jacobs Well Rd/Clay lane/ Blanchard Hill, Jacobs Well Safety improvements Total PIA's 11 [(Pedes 2), (P/C 0)]	£195,000		68	1	
7/355	Stoughton Area (between Grange Rd and Worplesdon Road)	£2,500,000		16	0.32	Retain, however scope of the project to be reconsidered when funding becomes available.
		£1,000,000		39	0.80	
		£ 500,000		78	1.60	

ARR: Annual Rate of Return **BCR:** Benefit to Cost Ratio **F:** Feasibility **DD:** Detail Design **C:** Construction **N.B.** Personal Injury Accidents (PIA) update from 01/10/03 to 30/09/06

**ITEM 12 ANNEXE B : SUMMARY DETAILS OF SCHEMES PROPOSED FOR
DELETION FROM THE MINOR SCHEMES PROGRAMME**

**7/257 A25 WOODBRIDGE RD, GUILDFORD junction with WOODBRIDGE
MEADOWS JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT**

This project has appeared in the programme for many years. It was originally targeted on accident reduction, and the signals subsequently installed at the junction have been successful in reducing the accident record. The project remained on the list due to its links with the Borough Council's 'Greening the Approaches' strategy, subsequently abandoned. The junction is the subject of a detailed study to support GBC's proposed supplementary planning document for the Woodbridge Meadows Estate. Its future is also related to the Guildford Exchange (Guildford main line station) redevelopment, particularly in respect of the decision to close or leave open Walnut Tree Close / Woodbridge Meadows to through traffic. Any improvements necessary as a result of either of these developments should be funded by the developer(s).

**7/286 WODELAND AVE, GUILDFORD - TRAFFIC CALMING OR MANAGEMENT
7/353 A31 FARNHAM ROAD J/W WODELAND AVENUE – PEDESTRIAN REFUGES**

Proposals for traffic calming or closures of Wodeland Avenue or other roads in the area have been discussed for many years. In a complex and detailed study by GBC officers some years ago there was no consensus from local residents as to an acceptable solution. Measurement of traffic volumes and speeds and scrutiny of collision records show all to be low compared to many other locations, making justification of the project difficult. Despite this, local residents recently brought a petition to the Committee seeking improvements, including traffic islands and road markings. Officers have recommended that the scheme be deleted. The Task Group agreed but also recommended that the area should be assessed in accordance with County and national policies to determine whether it is suitable for a 20 mph zone. It was agreed that the area should be included in the 2007/08 speed limits assessment list at the 22 March 2007 meeting of the Committee.

7/322 A320 STOKE RD junction with NIGHTINGALE RD PEDESTRIAN PHASING

This project originally arose from an officer suggestion. Despite this it is now considered that the existing arrangements are adequate. It is understood that further development is being contemplated at Guildford College which may change the pattern of traffic and pedestrian movement in the area, in which case any necessary improvements should be funded through the planning process.

**7/325 A246 GUILDFORD ROAD junction with THE STREET, EFFINGHAM
PROVISION OF RIGHT TURN FILTER**

Some years ago this was put forward in order to address a number of accidents related to the right turn from the A246 into Beech Avenue. The scheme is more expensive than might be imagined at first sight, since the traffic signal controller is old and would not support the addition of a new phase. It is likely that the cable ducts under the road will also need to be replaced. Since it was added to the list the accident rate has diminished. It has been suggested that the scheme could be funded under a S106 / S278 agreement as the relocation of part of St Teresa's school will increase the number of right turners during school peak periods.

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GBC Cllr Liz Hogger has commented as follows: "I will be asking that this scheme should NOT be deleted, but added back into the 'holding list' of TABLE 6. This is a serious safety issue, not a matter of mere convenience to avoid traffic tailbacks. When attempting to turn right into Beech Avenue, e.g. to reach St Teresa's school, drivers presently have no way of knowing the state of the lights for oncoming traffic. Their sight line of that oncoming traffic is severely restricted since the junction is at the brow of a hill. This project was added to the list originally in about 2002 following two serious accidents from this cause.

It is possible there may be some S106 funding for this project, if St Teresa's School receives planning permission for their proposed move of their Grove House prep school to the main St Teresa's site. That would have traffic implications, with many more drivers needing to make this right turn into Beech Avenue. I am aware this was discussed with highways officers when the school made its first planning application last year. It would be unfortunate in that case if the project was no longer on SCC's list of desired schemes.

This project has the full support of Effingham Parish Council and residents of Beech Avenue, Beech Close and High Barn Road."

7/327 CASTLE HILL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

This scheme arose from the nomination of Castle Hill in the Transport 2000 'rat run of the year' competition some years ago. Castle Hill is used by some traffic as a route to the A281 avoiding the gyratory. A number of possibilities exist including making the road one-way or installing speed tables or humps. This is a conservation area so any such measures would detract significantly and may well be opposed by GBC. Removal or alteration of the speed humps on Warwicks Bench Road and Pilgrims Way have also been suggested, but these may encourage more traffic to use these roads so are likely to be controversial with residents of these roads. Officer advice is therefore that since it is likely that no proposal will be found to satisfy all parties, that the scheme should be abandoned.

CYCLE FACILITIES

7/328 A25 STOKE CROSSROADS TO MIDDLETON RD

7/332 FAIRLANDS TO WESTBOROUGH

7/349 A25 MIDDLETON ROAD, GUILDFORD DENNIS RBT. TO LADYMEAD

7/350 A320 WOKING ROAD (MOORFIELD RD TO STRINGERS AV.)

All of the above cycle schemes were originally part of the Guildford Town Centre Movement Package when this was separately funded some 5 years ago. When the package approach was no longer supported by government and was replaced by the current LTP arrangements, these schemes were moved back into the Local Committee's Minor Schemes programme. These schemes have never been formally requested by residents associations or Parish Councils, and in some cases may result in loss of traffic capacity leading to increased congestion. They are potentially expensive and therefore difficult to justify in cost / benefit terms in comparison with other projects. In some cases, the continuity of cycle routes would be dependent on other Local Committees completing the project in their own areas.

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Former GBC Councillor Keith Chesterton has commented as follows: “As a Member of the Task Group, I agree that we should make the list manageable against likely resources and agreed the list in Table 3 for deletion, including a goodly number of cycling and pedestrian schemes - which are my special interest, as you know! However, on further consideration, I would like to restore 1 scheme 7/349 - cycle facilities on Midleton Rd (A25) from Dennis roundabout to Ladymead junction. The Highways Agency has now agreed to improving the section alongside the A3 from Ash Grove into the Dennis Roundabout. The HA is doing a feasibility study on the Wooden Bridge crossing of the A3 and we hope to influence the HA to do something here. The NT towpath along the river Wey behind Walnut Tree Close is to be upgraded this summer, with a substantial contribution from GBC. Cycle facilities are often criticised for their stop/start properties and it would be a great pity to lose 7/349, one of the links in the route.

On reflection, officers are in agreement with the points made and would support the reinstatement of this scheme into the list. This would also avoid any potential criticism that the programme as a whole is not balanced since it does little for cyclists.

7/334 A248 NEW ROAD, CHILWORTH – FOOTWAY WIDENING / IMPROVEMENTS

This project arose as a result of a resident’s request. There have always been doubts as to whether this scheme was deliverable. The carriageway width is inadequate to accommodate footway widening so this could only be achieved at the expense of parking and would almost certainly be unpopular with local residents. Traffic islands which benefit pedestrians have been included in a Section 106 scheme to be implemented.

7/341 A320 WOKING ROAD near junction with FIR TREE PATH, GUILDFORD PEDESTRIAN CONTROLLED CROSSING

This proposal was put forward by former Councillor Keith Chesterton. A pedestrian island already exists at the location – the intention was to upgrade this to a controlled crossing. In addition there are already pedestrian crossing facilities to the north and south of the proposed location. It is considered unlikely that the numbers of pedestrians crossing at this location would be sufficient to justify the cost of a controlled crossing.

7/342 A320 WOKING ROAD, STRINGERS AV. TO BOROUGH BOUNDARY, FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS, SHARED CYCLE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITY

The footway improvements have already been carried out as part of a major maintenance scheme. The location is close to the boundary with Woking, and the Woking Local Committee has designated Blanchards Hill, to the east of the A320 as a cycle route. This is a safer route, keeping cyclists away from the heavily trafficked A320. Officers’ advice is that there is little to be gained by this project going ahead.

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**7/344 A3100 PORTSMOUTH ROAD JUNCTION WITH TILTHAMS CORNER ROAD,
PEASMARSH, PEDESTRIAN FACILITY**

This project was originally added to the list at the request of one local resident representing a residents' association. The intention was to make crossing the road at this point easier and safer. There is already one island in the immediate vicinity. Probably the only pedestrians who cross at this point are those boarding or alighting a bus at the bus stop, and these are likely to be very few in number. The project therefore does not provide significant value for money.

7/347 SHERE VILLAGE SAFETY SCHEME

This scheme arose from a traffic working group set up some years ago by Shere Parish Council. This produced a long list of suggested measures to deal with the speed and volume of traffic in the village. To date the first phase (on the Tillingbourne Bridge in Middle Street) has been completed, and was funded partly by the Parish Council, partly from Cllr Davis' Member Revenue Allowance and partly from central funds reserved for projects in the Surrey Hills area. Phase 2, a similar scheme in Upper Street, is in preparation and GBC officers will be bringing a report to this Committee in due course. SCC officers will continue to provide advice and support as required.