



**GUILDFORD PARK ROAD, GUILDFORD
PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGE**

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

14th JUNE 2007

KEY ISSUE

This report recommends the installation of a pedestrian refuge on Guildford Park Road, Guildford.

SUMMARY

Concerns have been raised by the public about the safety of pedestrians crossing at this location, near Guildford railway station. A feasibility study was carried out, which supports this proposal.

Report by

LOCAL HIGHWAYS MANAGER

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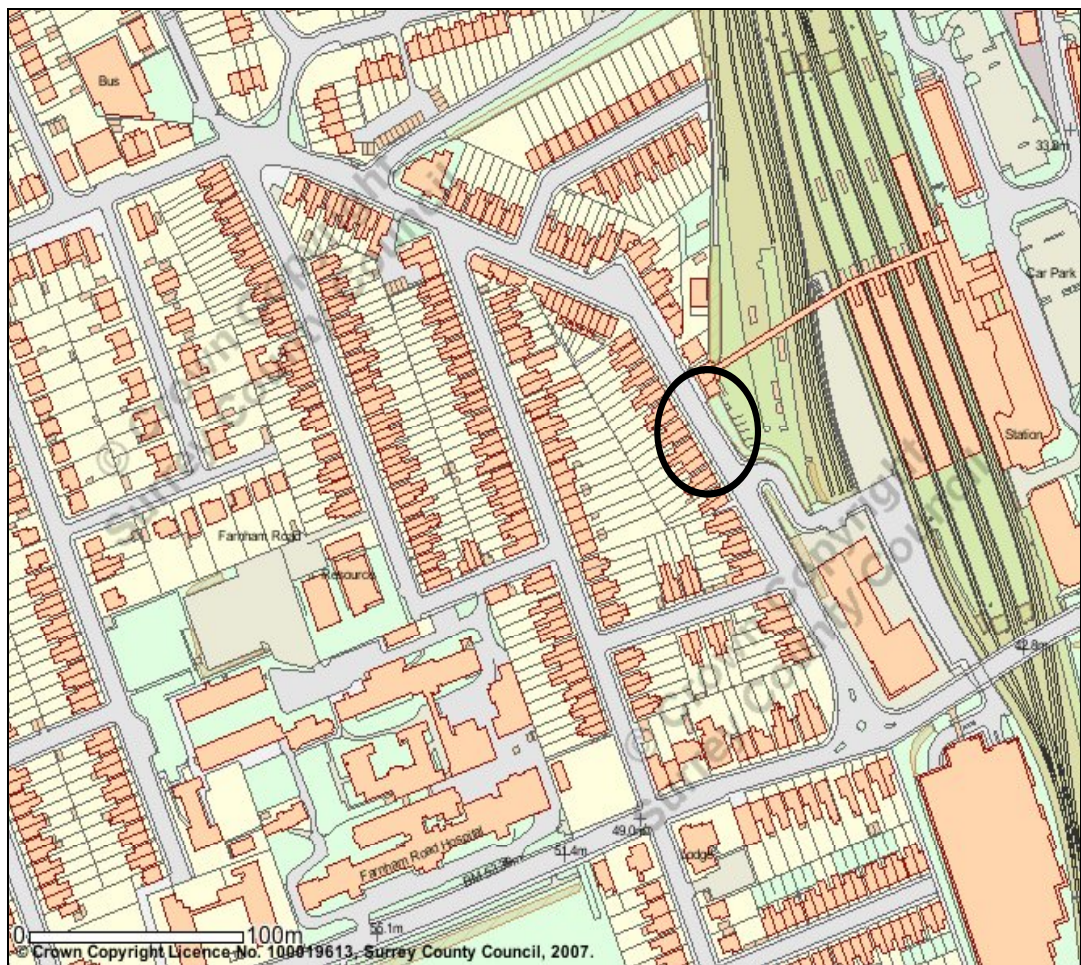
OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the pedestrian refuge as shown in drawing number 7818/1A attached as **ANNEXE A** be approved for implementation.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1 This road is a heavily-trafficked local distributor connecting Guildford town centre to the A3, Surrey University, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford Cathedral and the Research Park. There are currently no other pedestrian facilities within 50 metres of the proposed crossing. A location plan is shown below.



- 2 The introduction of a pedestrian refuge was first requested by residents. Consideration was given to this request by the Transportation Task Group on 1 October 2004, which recommended that the scheme be added to the programme; this was subsequently confirmed by the Local Committee on 9 December 2004.

PROPOSALS

- 3 An optimum site has now been identified where a pedestrian refuge could be constructed. The location is approximately 25 metres south of the railway station entrance as shown in **ANNEXE A**.
- 4 A crossing at this location would require some adjustment to street lighting in its immediate vicinity. This would be kept to the minimum needed to satisfy safety requirements.
- 5 The 3-year (2004 to 2006) personal injury collision history for the road shows 12 incidents of which 6 involved pedestrians within 50 metres of the proposed crossing.

CONSULTATIONS

- 6 Consultations have been carried out with various interested parties, including Police, local elected Members, SCC’s Passenger Transport Group and Guildford Borough Council. The scheme has the full support of those who responded.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7 The construction costs have been estimated at £45,000. Funding for the implementation of this project has already been secured from Local Transport Plan funds for 2007/08.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8 The scheme will provide a safe crossing facility and may encourage walking. In addition, there may be a reduction in the speed of traffic through the area, which would provide a safer environment for pedestrians to cross. The island would also provide an area where vehicles waiting to turn right into car park could do so with some protection.

EFFECTS ON LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN OBJECTIVES

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LTP OBJECTIVES	EFFECT (including delivery of TARGETS)
Safety	Scheme will improve safety of pedestrians, particularly vulnerable road users.
Environment	Very slight negative, due to additional street furniture.
Economy	No measurable effect
Integration	No measurable effect
Accessibility	Scheme should increase accessibility of local destinations by sustainable modes, including walking.

EFFECTS ON LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STRATEGIES

10	LTP STRATEGIES	EFFECT
	Passenger Transport	The scheme may encourage the use of public transport (rail).
	Walking	Direct positive effect – reduced vehicle speeds may make walking more attractive.
	Cycling	No effect.
	School Travel	Positive effect on schoolchildren crossing road to reach school bus stop.
	Traffic Management	No effect.
	Speed Management	Marginal positive effect on speed reduction.
	Transport Telematics	No effect.
	Parking	No effect
	Road Safety	Positive effect on pedestrian safety.
	Travel Awareness	No effect
	Highway Maintenance	No effect
	Bridge Management	No effect

MONITORING CARRIED OUT OR PLANNED

11	'Before' monitoring	Pedestrian counts.
	'After' surveys	Nil.

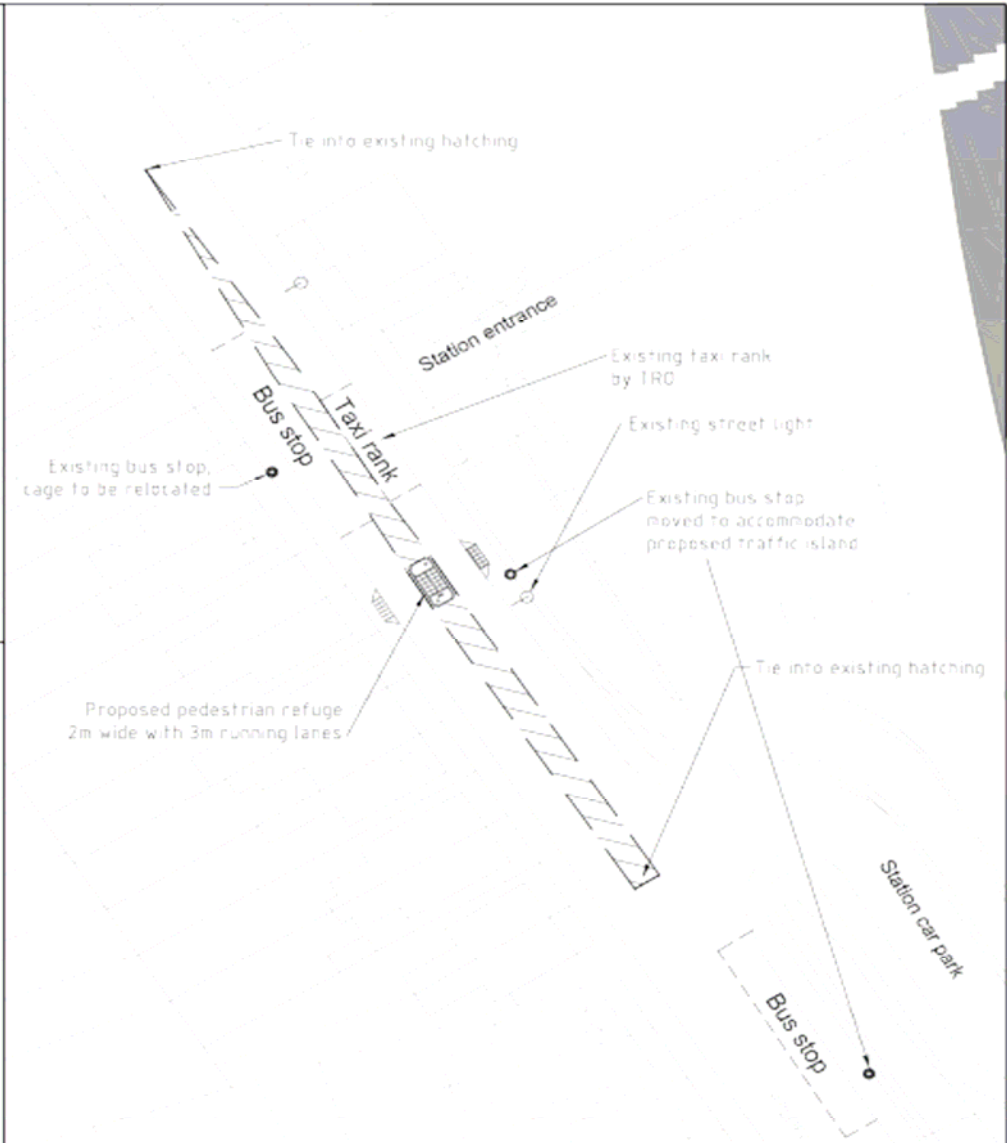
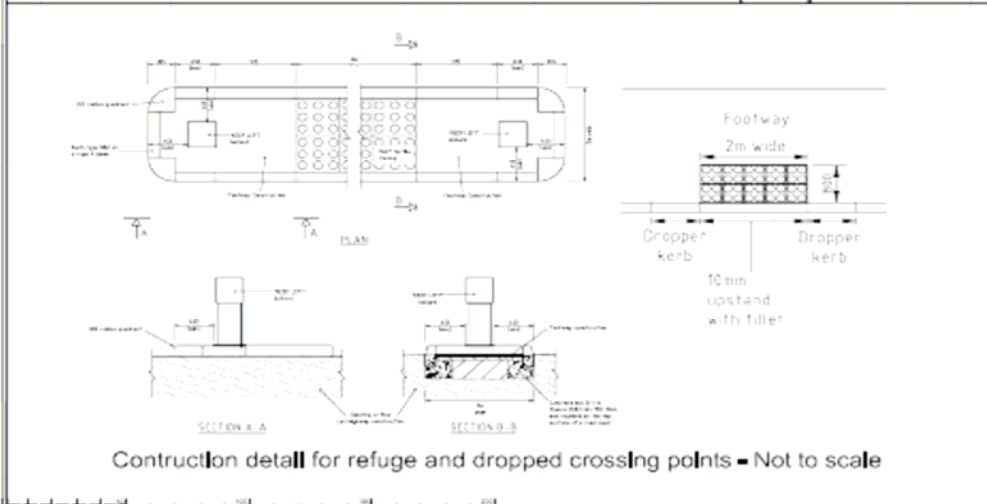
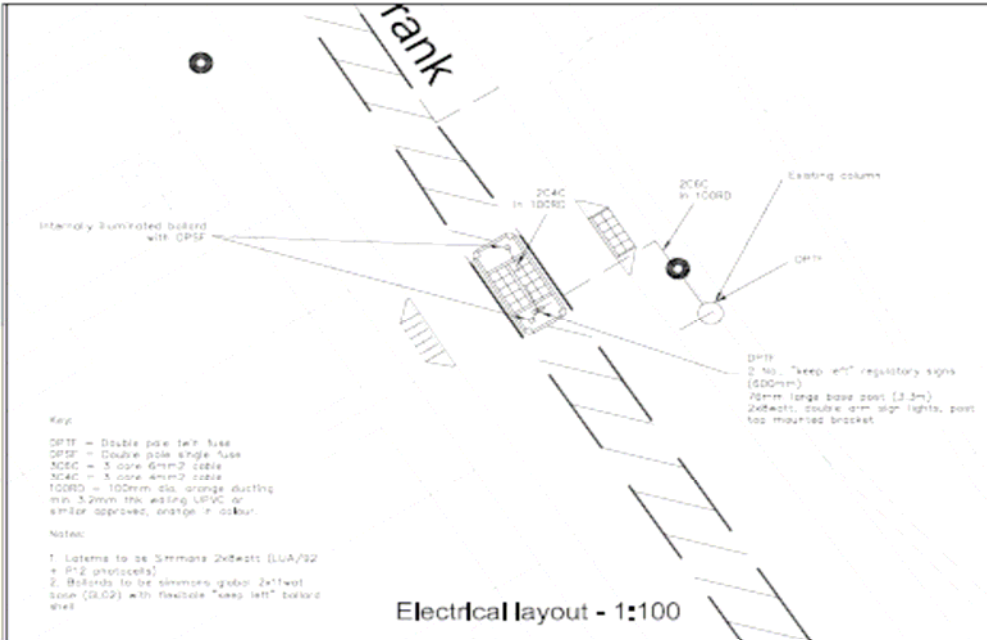
CONCLUSIONS & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12 In view of the benefit to pedestrian safety and convenience as well as the possible effects on speed reduction, together with the modest cost, it is recommended that the scheme shown on drawing number 7818/1A attached as **ANNEXE A** and detailed in this report be approved for implementation.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS Nil



<p>Client: Guildford Park Road, Guildford Pedestrian refuge</p>		<p>Project No: 1816</p>	
<p>General layout and electrical layout</p>		<p>Scale: 1:100</p>	
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