



CLEEVE ROAD STREETSCENE, LEATHERHEAD

**Local Committee for Mole Valley
28 September 2005**

KEY ISSUE:

To progress traffic orders to allow the development and construction of the Cleeve Road Streetscene proposals.

SUMMARY:

On 11 November 2004 the Executive Committee agreed to allocate Prudential funding to Streetscene projects. A total of 12 Streetscene bids were prepared across the County. The Executive Committee considered these bids and the top 5 bids were allocated funding. The Cleeve Road Streetscene bid was ranked number 1 and therefore received funding and approval to proceed with the design.

The scheme is currently being developed but approval is now sought for both the design and the relevant Traffic Regulations Orders needed to allow the scheme to progress in accordance with the programme.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee is asked to agree

- (i) the outline design as detailed in Annexe 1, subject to positive informal consultation and safety audit.
- (ii) that the detail of the design and any requirement to amend the design are agreed by the Area Transportation Director in Consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Local Members
- (iii) the advertisement of the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of
 - (a) the width restriction,
 - (b) the 20mph speed limit and
 - (c) the junction speed tables and that if no objections are maintained for all of the above Orders, the Orders be made.
- (iv) that authorisation is given to the Area Transportation Director in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Local Members to consider and resolve any objections to the proposals advertised.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 11 November 2004 the Executive Committee agreed in principal for Prudential Funding for Streetscene projects. On 15 February 2005 the Executive Committee considered a total of 12 bids. The committee assessed the proposals against a scoring criterion and agreed to fund the top 5 schemes. The Cleeve Road proposal was ranked number 1 and therefore received funding.
- 1.2 Cleeve Road was recently resurfaced and existing traffic calming retained. However the adjacent roads where the Streetscene works are focused require improvement and would also benefit from additional works to raise the standard of the highway areas and provide environmental improvements.
- 1.3 The Streetscene bid seeks to address these issues by:
- Resurfacing the footways (Randalls Cres. & Gaveston Rd)
 - Resurfacing the carriageway (Randalls Cres. & Gaveston Rd)
 - Widening footways at junctions
 - Providing improved pedestrian crossing facilities
 - Reducing vehicle speeds by providing junction tables
 - Reducing unsuitable through traffic (in particular HGV's) by providing a width restriction
 - Improving landscaped areas
 - Providing continuity with street furniture
 - Improving street lighting
- 1.4 The proposals are shown on Drawing 2301/121C in Annexe 1

2.0 CURRENT SITUATION

- 2.1 The Streetscene proposals are currently being developed and the feasibility design is nearing completion. The feasibility has identified that Traffic Regulation Orders are required and in an effort to ensure that the overall programme is not affected it is felt prudent to agree these as soon as possible.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 An informal consultation has been undertaken with Police, Fire and ambulance services and Mole Valley District Council's Housing Department.
- 3.2 The Police, generally, support the proposals. However, they have requested additional signing to ensure HGV's do not attempt to use

Cleeve Road when the width restriction is in place. The detailed signing plan still needs to be finalised for the Traffic Order and the comments from the Police will be included in the design.

- 3.3 The Fire Service have advised that the proposals are satisfactory subject to the inclusion of removable bollards at the width restriction, to allow access for a fire appliance. This will be included in the design.
- 3.4 The Ambulance service has concerns due to the width restriction, however, it may be possible to amend the design to address these concerns and it is believed an agreement can be reached before the Traffic Orders are advertised.
- 3.5 The proposals have been developed in conjunction with Mole Valley District Councils' Housing Department and they fully support the proposals. The Housing Department has also agreed to spend £10,000 to improve the landscaping on the amenity areas adjacent to the Streetscene works. Local residents are also being advised of the proposals by letter that is being circulated with the District Council's local newsletter.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The costs associated with advertising and making the necessary traffic orders have been included in the budget from the Prudential funding for the Streetscene scheme.

5.0 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no significant Sustainable Development Implications at this time.

6.0 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no significant Crime and Disorder Implications at this time.

7.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no significant Equalities Implications at this time.

CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee recognised that the Streetscene proposal will assist the upgrading of an area of Social Deprivation. The funding for this scheme is additional to the normal budgets for maintenance and improvement works and therefore represents a real chance of providing an important community scheme that otherwise would be waiting for many years to be implemented in a 'piecemeal' manner. The approval of the recommendations will allow these works to progress in accordance with the Prudential Funding spend profile and programme.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Previous papers to Executive
