



PETITION REPORT

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

5TH JUNE 2006

KEY ISSUE

To consider a petition from Greenacres School and the Sunset Care Home requesting a Zebra crossing on Sutton Lane.

SUMMARY

A petition has been received containing 672 signatures from Greenacres School and 42 signatures from the Sunrise Care Home requesting a Zebra crossing on Sutton Lane to help local residents cross this road.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to note that feasibility, design and installation of a pedestrian crossing facility in Sutton Lane near to the Winkworth Road/Croydon Lane roundabout is carried out as agreed at the Local Committee in March 2006.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A petition has been submitted by Mrs L A Chessell, Environmental Co-ordinator from Greenacres School which states that *“There is currently no safe road crossing close to Greenacre School and we therefore ask that the council consider and approve the installation of a pedestrian crossing near the bus stops at the top of Sutton Lane, Banstead. The absence of a safe crossing deters many parents from letting their children travel to school by foot, by bicycle or by bus; a safe crossing at this junction would therefore enable more pupils to walk or cycle to school or to use the bus service instead of travelling in private cars. A shift from private car use would additionally decrease traffic congestion during the peak morning and afternoon periods improving the environment generally for us and all residents. The crossing will also help us to meet our proposed travel plan targets and will help Surrey County Council achieve its goals as part of the Safe Route to Schools Initiative.”*

2 OFFICERS COMMENTS

- 2.1 Since the installation of a new zebra crossing in Winkworth Road, facilities for pedestrians in this area have improved. However, a proposed crossing had previously been identified for Sutton Lane to assist the pupils of Greenacre School and also the residents of the Sunrise development to walk to Banstead Village or reach the bus stops in Sutton Lane.
- 2.2 It was agreed at the Local Committee on 20th March 2006 that a pedestrian crossing improvement should be investigated in Sutton Lane near to the junction with Winkworth Road and Croydon Lane following requests from local residents and Greenacre School.
- 2.3 The school is currently in the final stages of developing a Safe Routes to School Plan and a crossing at this point would play a major part in promoting sustainable travel to and from school.
- 2.4 This scheme is to be financed by the Local Allocation.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Petition from Residents Nork & Banstead
