



**PRICES LANE  
PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING**

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

**5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2006**

**KEY ISSUE**

This report considers proposals to introduce a new puffin crossing in Prices Lane immediately east of Sandcross Lane.

**SUMMARY**

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2006, the Local Committee approved expenditure of £10,000 towards the creation of improved pedestrian facilities at the junction of Prices Lane and Sandcross Lane. Since that time a proposal has been received to develop properties on the north side of Prices Lane providing affordable housing. Access to the development would have conflicted with the initial design for a pedestrian refuge in Prices Lane and, as an alternative, the developer has offered to fund a controlled crossing nearby.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Committee is asked to agree that:**

- (i) Consultation is undertaken with local residents and emergency services;
- (ii) Subject to outcome of the consultation, the required statutory processes, including advertising, are undertaken and the puffin crossing is constructed as shown in **Annex A**;
- (iii) The consideration and resolution of any representations are delegated to the East Area Transportation Group manager in discussion with the Chair of the Local Committee and Local Member(s).

## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Local Committee, at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2006, approved expenditure of £10,000 towards the design and implementation of pedestrian crossing facilities in Prices Lane and the junction of Sandcross Lane with Prices Lane.
- 1.2 Since that time an application has been received for a development in the vicinity of 78 Prices Lane. These proposals indicated that the original location of the pedestrian refuge island would conflict with the proposed entrance to the development. As it is not considered possible to relocate the pedestrian refuge island safely within a reasonable distance of Sandcross Lane, the introduction of a new puffin crossing was identified, funded by the developer.
- 1.3 The proposed puffin crossing would complement the existing proposals to construct a pedestrian island at the junction of Sandcross Lane with Prices Lane. Surrey County Council would fund this pedestrian refuge island.

## 2 PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The layout of the proposed puffin controlled crossing is illustrated in **Annex A**.
- 2.2 The location of the crossing is deemed suitable to address demand for a crossing facility at this location and meets the visibility requirements stated in Department for Transport design standards. The detailed design would incorporate the latest technology to detect the presence of both vehicles and pedestrians ensuring optimum safety and minimum delay.
- 2.3 If agreed, construction of the crossing would become a condition of the planning permission for the development. As such, implementation is currently anticipated to occur in the latter part of the 2006/07 financial year.
- 2.4 The existing proposal to resurface Prices Lane this financial year under Surrey County Council's major maintenance programme, would take account of, and be co-ordinated with the construction of the puffin crossing.

## 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of the design and construction of the puffin crossing is to be met by the developer. At this stage the estimated cost of the puffin crossing is £70,000.

## 4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Introduction of the crossing would promote improved pedestrian links for local people and reduce reliance on private cars. The new crossing would improve safety for those who already need to cross the road at this location and also help reduce traffic speeds.

## 5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Construction of the crossing would be subject to consultation with local residents and the emergency services.

## **6 CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1 A controlled puffin crossing at this location would greatly assist vulnerable road users to cross the road at this point.
- 6.2 The proposed crossing complements existing Surrey County Council proposals to improve pedestrian safety at this point and demonstrates partnership working with the private sector.
- 6.3 The developer has indicated a willingness to enter into an agreement to either fund or construct the puffin crossing. This would be dependent upon the progress of the planning permission for the development.

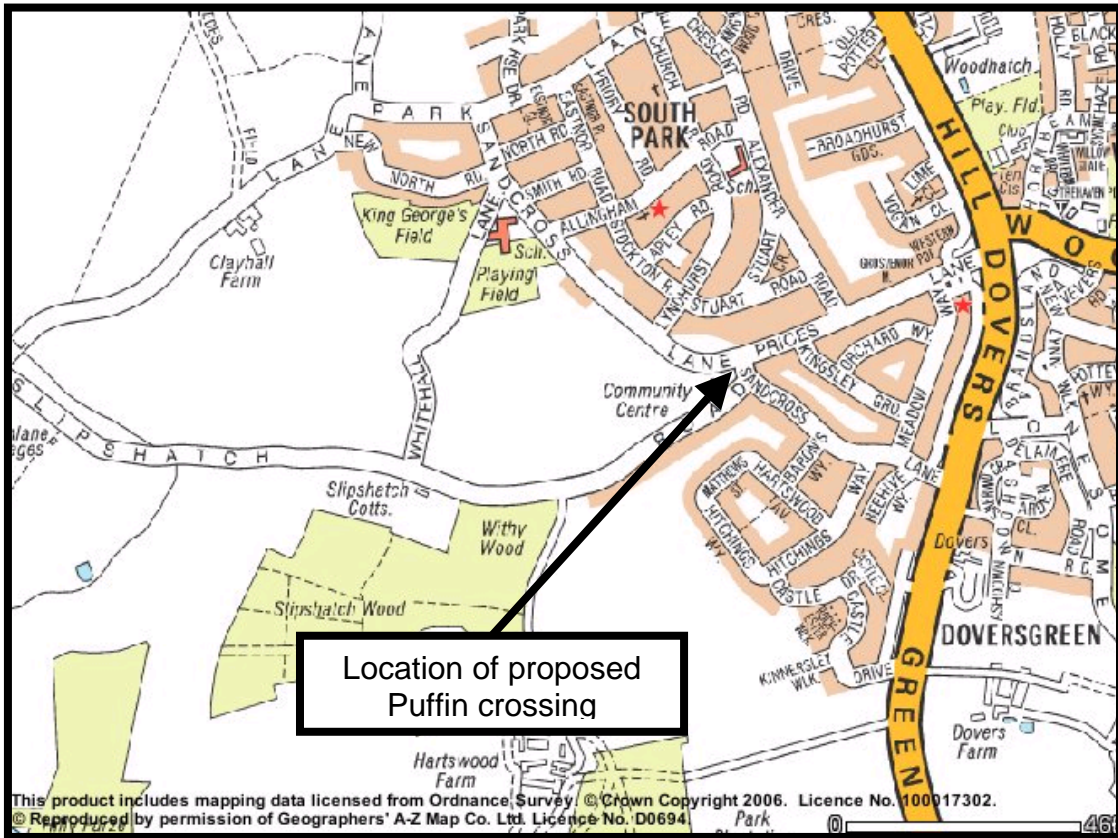
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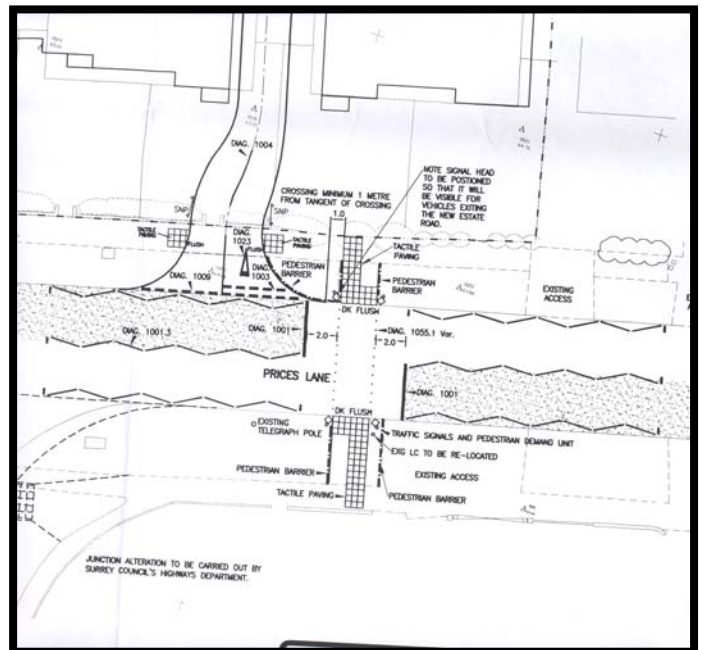
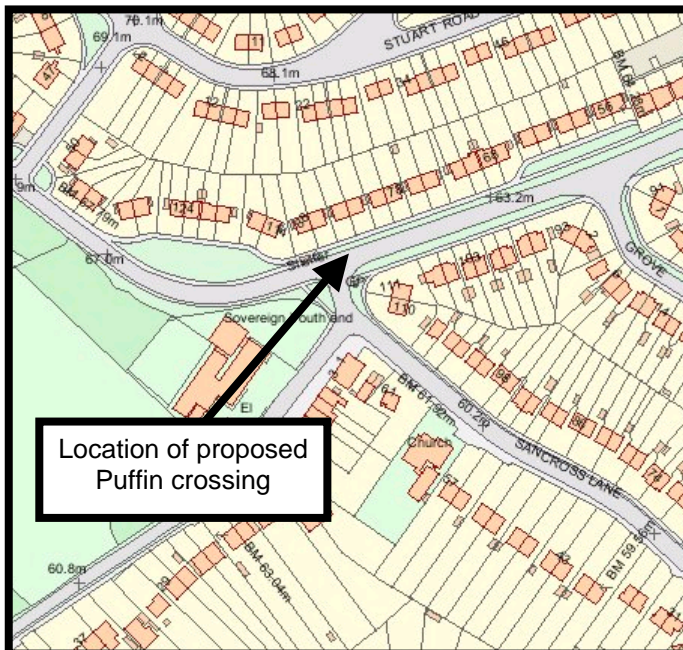
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LOCATION OF PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING



Location Plan



Detailed Location