



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**PETITION REPORT  
GATTON PARK ROAD**

**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007**

**KEY ISSUE**

To consider a petition prepared by Ms Julia Guest of 25 Evesham Close and signed by 477 local residents.

**SUMMARY**

A petition was received on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007 with a covering letter signed by Ms Guest. The signatures to the petition were collected over a two-week period. Efforts to collect further signatures were suspended once it was understood that proposals were already in place to provide a signal crossing over Gatton Park Road, west of Carlton Road.

The petition reads:

*"We the undersigned urge Surrey County Council to provide a safe crossing on Gatton Park Road between Carlton Road and Wray Lane junction. The 30mph speed limit is not being adhered to while the signs and road markings currently in place are confusing and some are obscured by trees. Clearly they are not preventing road accidents as there have been two recently (26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April).*

*It is likely only a matter of time before a child is seriously injured as a result of this dangerous road."*

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

**The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to note that:**

- (i) A scheme is planned for implementation this financial year to:
  - Construct a mini-roundabout at the Gatton Park Road / Wray Lane junction,
  - Provide a signal controlled crossing over Gatton Park Road west of Carlton Road, and
  - Introduce a series of traffic islands along Gatton Park Road between Wray Lane and a point east of Carlton Road.
  
- (ii) The proposed scheme seeks to address the concerns of the petitioners and will serve to reduce average vehicle speeds to seek compliance with the recently introduced 30mph limit.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Representations have been received in the past requesting a safe route to school for pupils attending St Bede's School. Many live to the west of the school towards Reigate and, if walking, must use the only available footway along the north side of Gatton Park Road. Pedestrians must then cross Gatton Park Road in order to continue their journey down Carlton Road.
- 1.2 A report was presented to the Local Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2006 setting out initial proposals for a scheme to improve facilities for pedestrians and to slow traffic. Following objections from the emergency services, a report recommending a revised scheme was submitted and approved on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
- 1.3 The agreed proposals feature on the County's Constructor's (Carillion) programme for implementation during the current financial year.

## **2 ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 A full analysis of the measures proposed is set out in the report to the Local Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007

## **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 The available options for the proposals were explored in the report of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007. Options were developed taking into consideration the needs of the emergency services based nearby at Wray Park who were opposed to road humps or cushions.

## **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 All statutory consultations have been completed.

## 5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY

- 5.1 Funding will be provided jointly by Surrey County Council and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council from Section 106 monies.
- 5.2 The scope of the scheme scores well against the strategic aims of the County's Local Transport Plan; which are summarised by CASEM: reducing **Congestion**; improving **Accessibility**; enhancing **Safety**; care of the **Environment** and improved **Maintenance**. Thus the scheme may be regarded as providing value for money.

## 6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The design of the scheme incorporates all prescribed features intended to assist the blind and disabled and complies with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

## 7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no perceived crime and disorder implications

## 8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The proposed scheme should proceed in accordance with the Committee's approval of the report submitted 5th March 2007.

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## 9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The recommendations have been reached because the intended scheme seeks to address the concerns of the petitioners, forms part of the County's programme of improvements and funding has been identified and allocated.

## 10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The proposed scheme is to be implemented this financial year.

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	Petition Reports to Local Committee (20 <sup>th</sup> March 2006, 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2007)