



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

**A23 BRIGHTON ROAD / HONEYCROCK LANE, SALFORDS
- PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

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KEY ISSUE

To consider measures to improve the existing pedestrian crossing of Honeycrook Lane at the junction of A23 Brighton Road, Salfords.

SUMMARY

The A23 Brighton Road/Honeycrook Lane junction is included in the Reigate and Banstead District five-year programme of Integrated Transport schemes, as approved by Local Committee on 20 July 2009. The original proposal was to provide an additional pedestrian refuge island in Honeycrook Lane approximately 50 metres from the junction with the A23 Brighton Road. Following further investigation, this proposal is not considered to provide any significant benefit to pedestrians and would not provide value for money.

Measures to upgrade the existing pedestrian crossing point in Honeycrook Lane and other minor signing and lining improvements at the A23 Brighton Road/Honeycrook Lane junction have been proposed. These measures would improve safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) The Local Allocation funding approved by the Local Committee on 20 July 2009 for the provision of an additional pedestrian refuge island in Honeycrook Lane be redeployed to enable measures to improve the existing pedestrian crossing point in Honeycrook Lane and other minor road safety improvements in the vicinity of the A23 Brighton Road/Honeycrook Lane junction to be implemented.

- (ii) Consultation be carried out with local residents and the emergency services regarding the introduction of a measures to improve the existing pedestrian crossing point in Honeycrook Lane and other minor road safety improvements in the vicinity of the A23 Brighton Road/Honeycrook Lane junction.
- (iii) Subject to consultation and detailed design, the measures as shown in Annex A be approved for construction.
- (iv) Authority be delegated to the East Area Group Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local elected Member to resolve any representation received as a result of the consultation.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The western end of Honeycrook Lane, Salfords is a wide residential road with a 30mph speed limit. Honeycrook Lane provides access to Salfords Station and to Perrywood Business Park. Near the junction with the A23 Brighton Road there is a church on the south side of the road and the church hall and local shops on the northern side. Access to a recreation ground is located to the east of the church.
- 1.2 There is an informal pedestrian crossing point set back approximately 10 metres into Honeycrook Lane at the junction with Brighton Road comprising dropped kerbs and a gap in the traffic island at the junction. Pedestrians are particularly vulnerable crossing Honeycrook Lane at this point due to the layout of the junction. Traffic turning left out of Honeycrook Lane onto the A23 join a slip lane without having to give way whereas forward visibility at the junction for vehicles turning right out of Honeycrook Lane is restricted and this turn is controlled by Stop signs. Traffic turning left into Honeycrook Lane from the A23 do so from a dedicated left turn lane. The setback of the pedestrian crossing point means that the visibility between this left turning traffic and pedestrians is reduced.
- 1.3 The Parish Council expressed concerns some time ago that there was a need for a safer crossing point approximately 50 metres into Honeycrook Lane, between the church and the Parish Hall. As a result the scheme was added to the forward programme of ITS schemes for Reigate and Banstead and the Local Committee on 20 July 2009 approved Local Allocation funding for the implementation of a pedestrian refuge island in Honeycrook Lane in 2009/10.
- 1.4 A pre-design site meeting was held in July 2009 by the Integrated Project Team to discuss the proposed pedestrian island. It was viewed by those present that an additional pedestrian island in Honeycrook Lane could not be justified so close to the existing crossing point. There

appeared to be little pedestrian demand at the new location and would impact on parking for customers of the nearby convenience stores, Post Office and visitors to the Church.

2 PROPOSED MEASURES

- 2.1 Following consultation with the local County Member, it was agreed that Officers develop a scheme to upgrade the existing crossing point at the junction to meet current guideline standards and to improve overall safety at the A23 Brighton Road/Honeycrock Lane junction.
- 2.2 Annex A sets out the proposed measures to improve safety at the A23 Brighton Road/Honeycrock Lane junction. The scheme includes the following elements:
- installation of tactile paving at the existing dropped crossings, altering kerbs where required, to assist visually impaired pedestrians.
 - amending the existing guard railing to remove that section which currently extends over the crossing point.
 - remove two short lengths of dropped kerbs opposite each other immediately west of the existing crossing point which serve no purpose. This would discourage drivers from using them as a ramp to mount the footway whilst they visit the local shop and so deter footway parking and parking within the length of Honeycrock Lane protected by double yellow lines.
 - improvements to street lighting in the vicinity of the existing crossing point.
 - refresh the existing road markings in and around the junction to improve the overall operation and safety of the junction by reducing uncertainty. This will require traffic management to be in place on the A23 to protect the workforce.
 - investigate the scope for improving the signing on the A23 on the approaches to Honeycrock Lane.
- 2.3 The proposal will be subject to an independent Road Safety Audit which will identify any safety issues that need to be taken into account in the final design of the island.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 No consultation has been carried out at this stage. The proposed changes in the vicinity of the A23 Brighton Road/Honeycrock Lane junction will not impact directly on any residents. It is intended to write to those properties in Honeycrock Lane between the A23 and the Parish Hall to inform them of the proposals. The views of the Borough Members for the area and the emergency services will also be sought. The design will be subject to an independent Road Safety Audit which will identify any safety issues that need to be taken into account.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 At its meeting held on 20 July 2009 the Local Committee approved funding of £25,000 from the Local Allocation budget for the design and implementation of a pedestrian refuge island in Honeycrock Lane. A preliminary construction estimate will be obtained once the design has been completed. The works will be limited to the approved budget of £25,000 originally intended to fund the pedestrian island.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The improvement of the existing pedestrian crossing point would incorporate tactile paving to assist the visually impaired.
- 5.2 There are no other perceived equality or diversity implications.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Improved street lighting at the junction of the A23 Brighton Road and Honeycrock Lane will help reduce the perception of crime and disorder.
- 6.2 There are no other perceived crime and diversity implications.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is considered that a pedestrian refuge island approximately 50 metres into Honeycrock Lane will not provide any significant benefit to pedestrians and would not provide value for money. It is therefore proposed to upgrade the existing pedestrian crossing point and to improve overall safety at the A23 Brighton Road/Honeycrock Lane junction.
- 7.2 It is recommended that those properties in Honeycrock Lane between the A23 and the Parish Hall informed of the proposals to improve the existing pedestrian crossing point in Honeycrock Lane and improve safety at the junction with the A23 Brighton Road. The views of the Borough Members for the area and the emergency services will also be sought. Authority should be delegated to the East Area Group Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local elected Member to resolve any issues arising from the consultation. Providing any issues arising from the consultation are successfully resolved, it is recommended that detailed design and implementation be carried out in accordance with the plan in Annex A.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The provision of an additional pedestrian refuge island in Honeycrock Lane would not provide any significant benefit to pedestrians and would not provide value for money. The upgrade of the existing pedestrian

crossing point in Honeycock Lane and the additional measures suggested in the vicinity of the junction with the A23 Brighton Road would improve safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 If the Local Committee approves the recommendations, consultation will be carried out with local residents, Members and the emergency services. Providing any issues arising from the consultation are successfully resolved, detailed design will be undertaken and the scheme implemented early in January 2010

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