



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LONDON TO PARIS CYCLE ROUTE

5 DECEMBER 2011

KEY ISSUE

To inform the Local Committee about plans to provide cycle route signing for the London to Paris cycle route.

SUMMARY

Over recent years an Anglo-French partnership has been planning a signed cycle route linking London with Paris in time for the London Olympics. The route has been given the name 'Avenue-Verte'. It is a project involving Surrey County Council, Transport for London, West Sussex CC, East Sussex CC and French partners, with East Sussex CC acting as the lead for the English Authorities.

The former Cabinet Member, Cllr David Munro, was directly involved in the project and in 2007 signed, on behalf of SCC, a partnership agreement committing the County to providing the section of route that passes through Surrey. The scheme has the support of the present Cabinet Member for Transport, Cllr Ian Lake.

A number of route options have been explored and the one selected passes through Reigate and Banstead and a short section of Tandridge, as shown on the route map in **Annex 1**. From the south the route enters Surrey at the Riverside Park in Horley and follows National Cycle Route 21 through Horley, Salfords and Redhill exiting Reigate and Banstead near Merstham. It then re-enters the Borough near Woodmansterne before finally passing into the London Borough of Sutton.

The length of route in Surrey is about 17 miles and for the most part is along bridleways or quiet roads. There is no construction required and just requires signing that be provided. An Avenue-Verte logo, as shown in **Annex 2**, has been developed by the partner authorities and has been granted special authorisation by the Department for Transport for use on the public highway.

It has been estimated that 35 new signs will be required, mainly to be fixed to existing street furniture. On 59 existing cycle route 21 signs, an adhesive sign showing the route 21 and Avenue-Verte logo. The signing needs to be in place before April 2012.

Funding has been allocated from the Environment and Infrastructure's Safer Smarter Travel budget to cover the costs of implementing the scheme.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

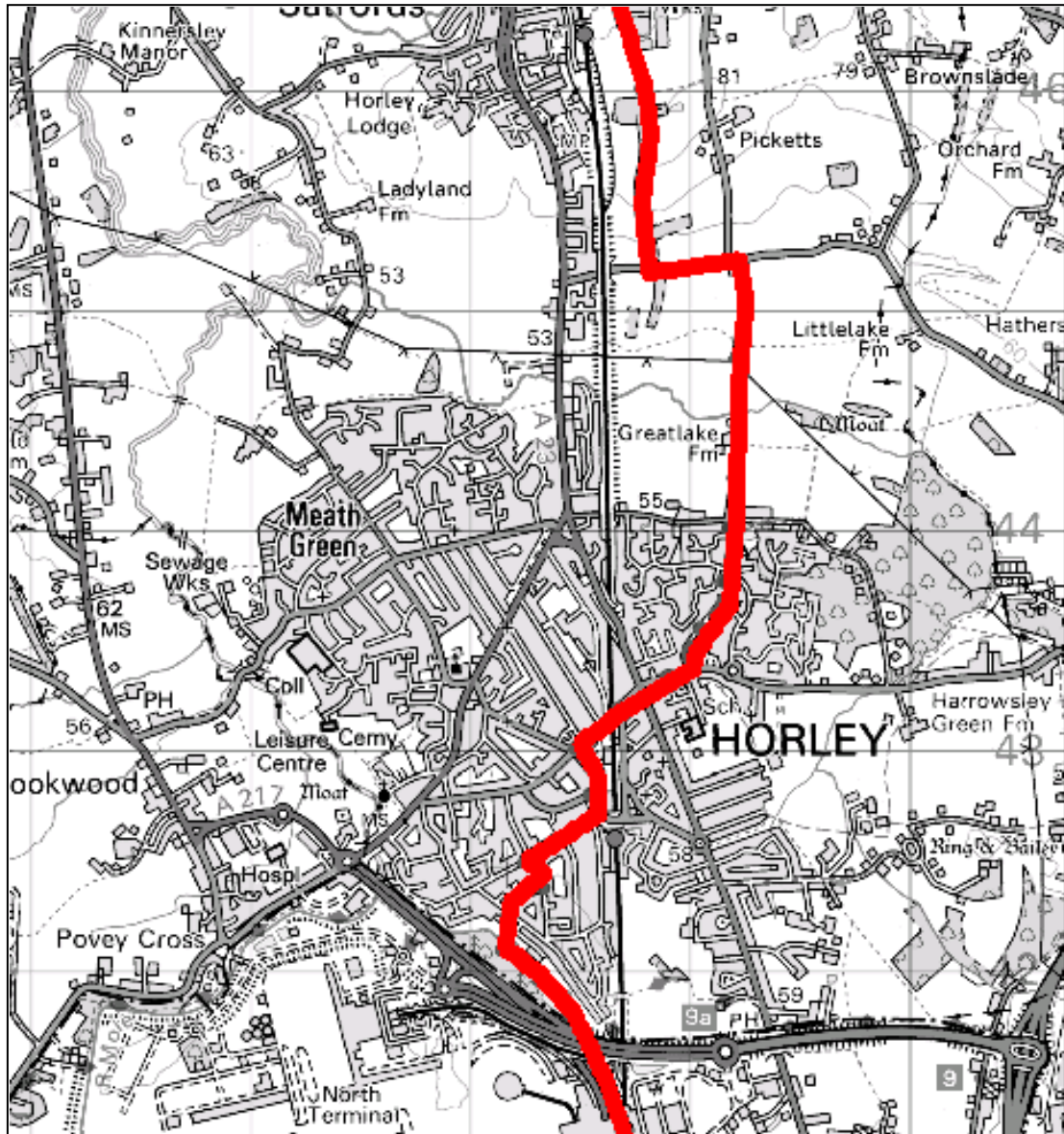
The Local Committee is asked to note the report for information.

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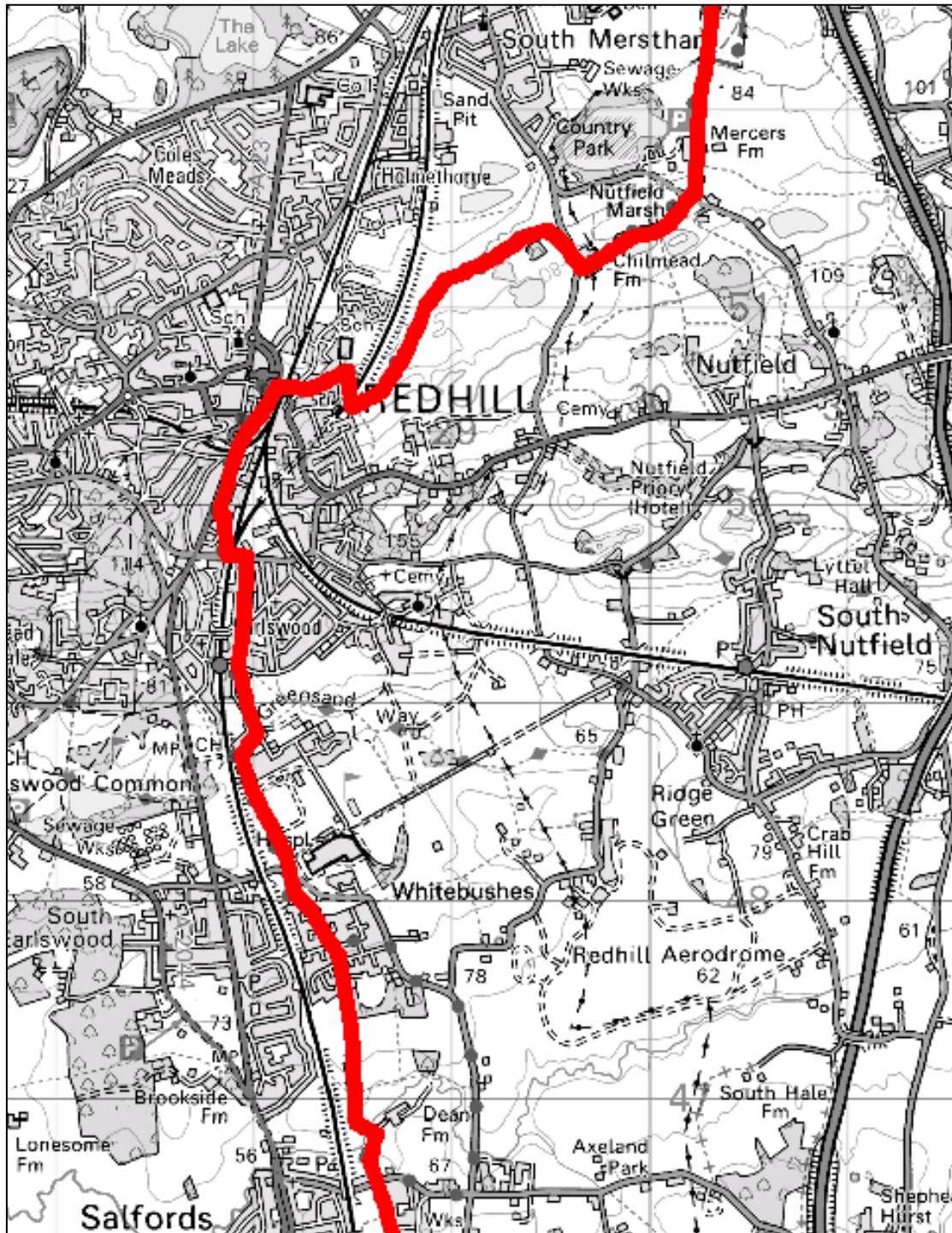
ANNEX 1

AVENUE-VERTE ROUTE

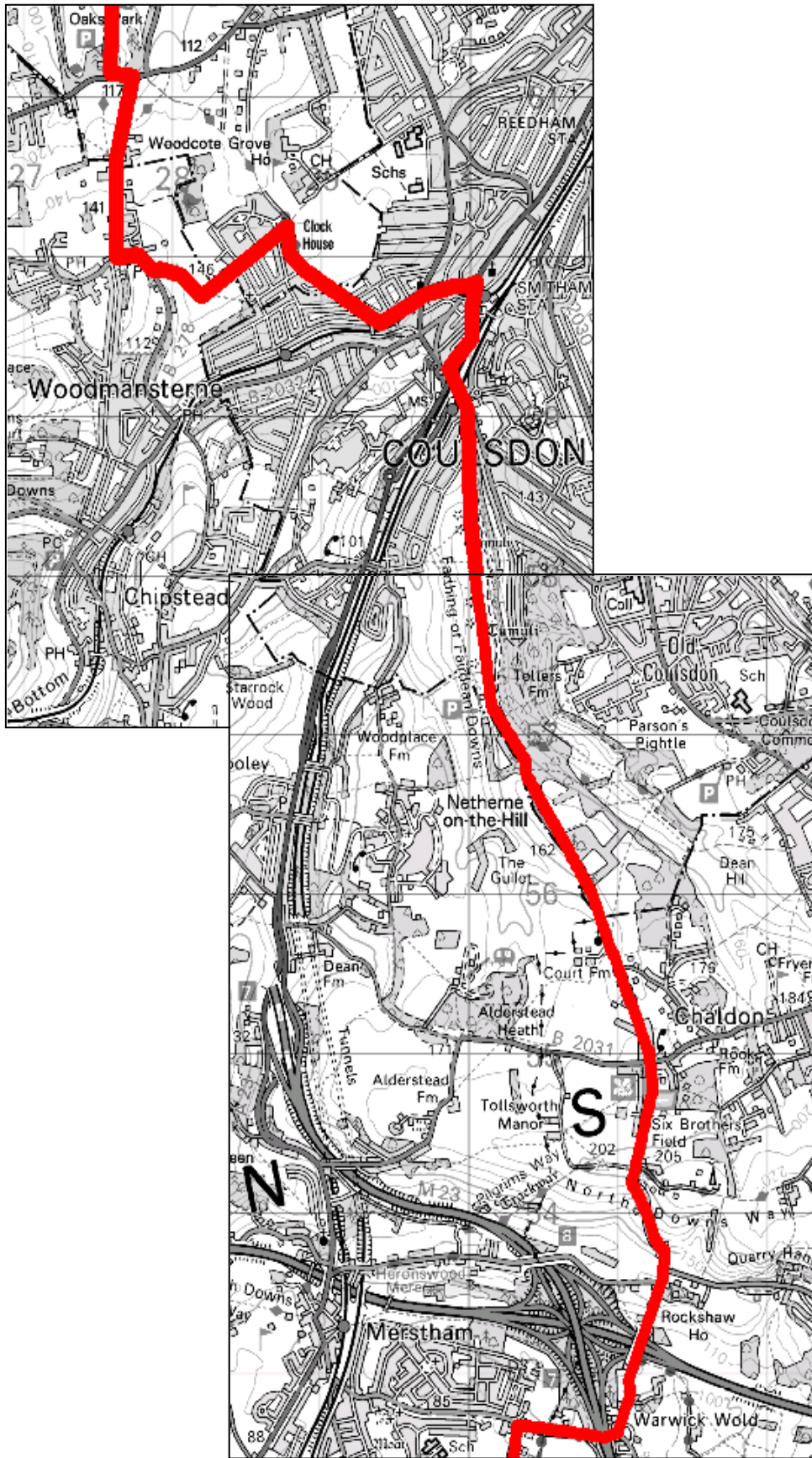
Gatwick Airport to Salfords



Salfords to Merstham



Merstham to Coulsdon



AVENUE-VERTE LOGO

